

STATE OF TEXAS TO RETURN TO CASH BASIS

Klan Organizers Fired On By Opponents
Interstate Commerce Committee Deadlocks SenateDefense Says
Texans Will
Take Care
Of Fox If
Freed

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20.—The defense challenged the state to send Phil Fox to the asylum immediately if a verdict of not guilty is returned. "If the prosecuting attorney hasn't the safety of lives of the community at heart, then send Fox back to Texas, where we will receive him as a sick man and will care for him," shouted Robert Allen of Dallas, defense attorney. Allen declared that Mrs. Fox and her young son are the real sufferers. He also expressed sympathy for Mr. Coburn and her daughter. He said Fox had no knowledge of the plans made in his behalf.

PAYS OFF TWICE VOLUNTARILY

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 20.—"Boy, you're cursed with being drunk," said Police Judge Niblo to Thomas Jefferson Fox in negro belly-bay. "You've had a plain five dollar drunk," replied Thomas. "Take the other \$5" from the judge. "Check," was Thomas' retort as he paid the ten.

CONGRESS TODAY

SENATE: Considers routine business before adjourning for Christmas holidays.

Commerce Committee considers report of Edward P. Farley, head of the Shipping Board.

House: Meets and adjourns for Christmas.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—After twenty years of litigation, Edward J. Lee was awarded \$25,000 damages for injuries received by his 2-year-old son when he stepped into a hole in a sidewalk.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Laws of state do not apply to autos, Mike H. found when he "towed" in a public lot and stood for two weeks. J. J. Darn, Cleveland, owner, refused Hays' arrest.

ANDOVER, Ok.—Fred Tucker "killed" what he thought was a snake and killed four. An estate collector collected \$2 apiece for his slaughtered birds.

NEW YORK.—Alexander Dubin, 30, of the south, "just a girl" for the first time, accused of having forgotten his wife eleven times since their marriage in 1919, according to a suit for separation filed here.

Admiral M. E. Egan, of Providence, is the distinction of being the only woman in Rhode Island to be elected a certified public accountant.

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Senator Smith
A Democrat
May Head
Body

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Senate is carrying the deadlock over the chairmanship of the Interstate Commerce Committee to the country. All parties in the battle over rail legislation are planning a Christmas holiday campaign to sound out sentiment of their constituents. The contest will be continued through speeches, telegrams and letters. Progressives will sound out the possibilities if they bolt and elect Senator Smith, democrat.

Westminster To
Close For The
Holidays Friday

This week marks the last week of school at Westminster College before the holidays. Studies will be suspended on Friday and will not be taken up again until the 2nd of January.

With the near approach of the Christmas season the students are eager to be off for home and to be relieved of work during the short vacation allowed them and the instructors report a lagging interest in the work which is hard to cope with.

Several of the students have been excused for the last week of school, but these are those who live at such distances that an extension of time was necessary to permit them to spend as much time at home as those who live nearer the College.

The Fine Arts Department gave their first recital Tuesday evening in the college auditorium and though the weather was markedly inclement there was a good attendance. The program consisted of numbers given by the Piano, Voice and Expression students and was well enjoyed.

MEIVER TO MANAGE
WACO RED SKINS

Otto Meiver, manager of the Sherman Red Sox in 1923 has been released in order to sign as manager of the Waco Indians during 1924. Sherman's baseball status in 1924 is yet undetermined.

RAIN DELAYS TRAINS

Heavy rains during the past several days have caused a delay in train service for the last few days on the T. & E. V. The trains from Cleburne for the past two days have been about one hour late.

BIBLE MARRIES

Announcement of the marriage of Dana X. Bible, coach at Texas A. and M. college, and Miss Carolyn Rhodes of Bryan, was made here Wednesday.

East Front:

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 19.—President Obregon announced the rebels retreating, following their defeat at San Marcos in which many were taken prisoner.

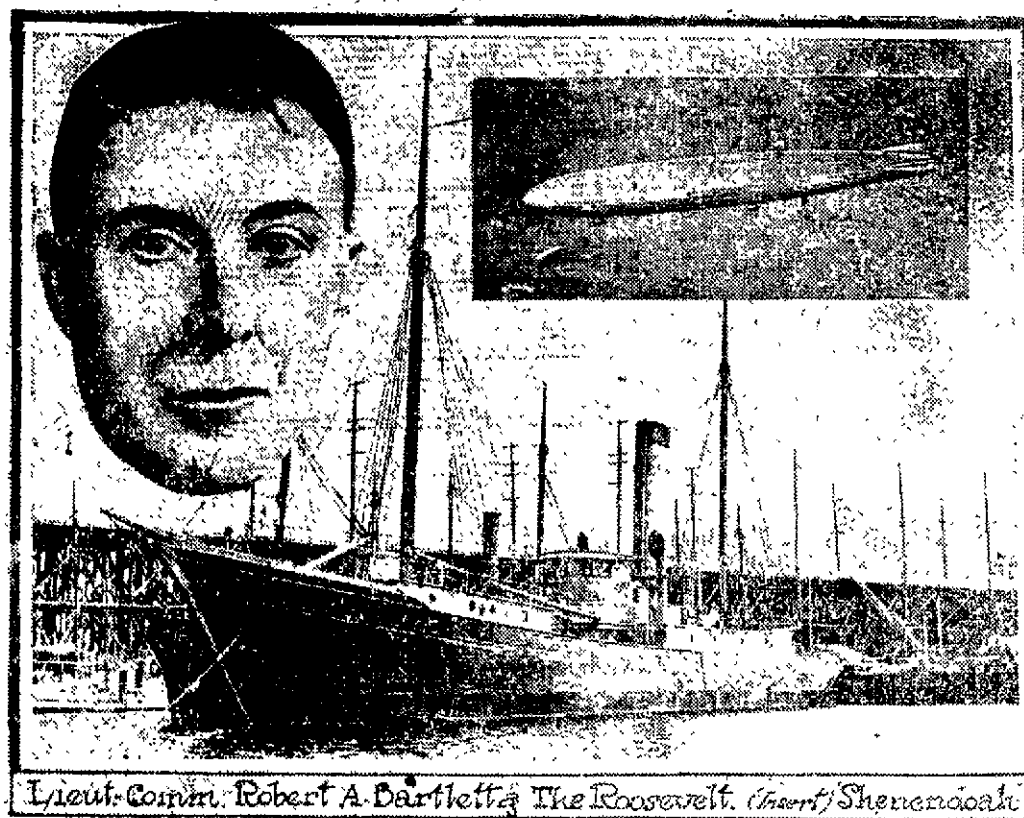
VERA CRUZ, Dec. 19.—Adolfo De La Huerta announced officially that Federal General Martinez, who had been defending San Marcos, had surrendered with all his men.

West Front:

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 19.—Having defeated the De La Huerta forces at San Marcos, the Federals are ready to begin a decisive offensive in the West Thursday or Friday.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 19.—General Estrada's forces are advancing upon Irapuato, State of Guanajuato, where Obregon troops are massing for a retreat to Mexico City.

NAVAL FLYERS TO SEEK NORTH POLE



Lieut. Comm. Robert A. Bartlett, The Roosevelt, (Insert) Shenandoah

By direction of President Coolidge, the U. S. Navy Department is preparing to explore the North Pole next year from the air. Tests will be made to determine whether the Zeppelin "Shenandoah" or heavier-than-air machines will be used, but the odds favor the use of the Shenandoah. Lieutenant-Commander Robert A. Bartlett (U. S. N. R.), chief aide to Admiral Peary when he discovered the Pole, has been called into active naval service to take charge of the expedition. The Roosevelt, which was used by the Peary expedition, will probably be used by the Government to carry materials to the base in the Arctic, later to be selected.

Prosperity Is
Predicted For
South In 1924

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The south will experience a general increase in wealth and diversion of population from agricultural to manufacturing pursuits as the result of industrial expansion brought about by the realization that many lines of cotton goods can be made cheaper in the south than in the north. W. Irving Bullard, treasurer National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, said in an interview.

He predicted a prosperous era for the south, development of textile industries and resultant and enchantment of property values, and more stable economic conditions. Lower taxes, lower wages and longer hours permitted by law favor cotton goods manufacturing in the south, he said. At least 80 per cent of cotton mills expansion in the south is financed by southern capital.

FIGHTS AND FIGHTERS

NEW YORK.—Willie Harmon, New York middleweight, stopped Johnny Summer, New York, in the fourth round.

NEW YORK.—Casper Leon, New York flyweight, son of the old bantam star, who fought McGovern, Dixon and Barry, made his debut in an amateur tournament last night and lost a decision.

NEW YORK.—Tom McGinty, Cleveland promoter is prepared to make a big offer for a Tom Gibbons-Georges Carpentier fight next year, according to Eddie Long, partner of Eddie Kane, Gibbons' manager.

NEW YORK.—Mickey Walker will take legal action to prevent the New Jersey Boxing Commission from giving him another penalty for violating a suspension, Jack Bulger, his manager said. Bulger claimed that Walker boxed recently at a church benefit, although he was suspended and thought it was not an offense.

BALTIMORE.—Joe Dundee, Baltimore lightweight, outpointed Ted Merchant, England, in a 12 rounds.

"Lee Freed His
Slaves Before
General Grant"

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 20.—Columbus did not discover America.

Captain John Smith Pocahontas' sheik, didn't work for the good of the early colonists but was hired to send back unfavorable reports to England.

General Robert E. Lee freed his slaves long before General Grant turned his loose and Abraham Lincoln, pictured as a Godly man, belonged to no church.

Thus does Miss Mildred L. Rutherford, Athens, Ga., attack the stories related in histories of America.

Miss Rutherford, in an address here last night in the interest of the Stone Mountain memorial fund, branded Drinkwater's "Abraham Lincoln" and "Robert E. Lee" as "no more true to fact than the work of a child."

In appealing for historical truths instead of fiction, Miss Rutherford asserted that Lincoln's Gettysburg speech was written by an Englishman and that not a newspaper in the country deemed it of enough importance to carry a line of it when it was delivered.

As for Columbus' claim as an explorer, a party of Norwegians settled in Massachusetts long before Queen Isabella's protégé started the westward movement, Miss Rutherford said.

BARNHART-MCINTIRE

Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock on East Carthage street, Mr. H. L. Barnhart and Miss Hattie R. McIntire were quietly married in the presence of a few select friends.

Rev. W. B. Andrews, pastor of the First Methodist church said the words that joined them as husband and wife. Mr. Barnhart is with the Humphreys Oil company. They will make their home in Mexia.

MARRIED AT THE PARSONAGE.

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock Mr. L. M. Pruitt and Miss Olive Mae Scott were married by Rev. W. B. Andrews at the parsonage, 605 E. Commerce St. Mr. Pruitt is with the Simmons Candy company of Mexia.

A small company of friends witnessed the marriage and extended congratulations to the bride and groom.

Six Bodies Are
Recovered In
Debris Of
Hotel

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 20.—After an exhaustive check officials announced that six persons are known dead in the hotel fire. No additional bodies were unearthed, although firemen are still searching the debris.

Gangs of workmen were tearing at the debris early today and it is believed the mystery surrounding the five others unaccounted for will be cleared up before nightfall.

A steady rain which has been falling since Monday hampered the search for the bodies.

SPORTS

CHICAGO.—Games of the American League last season drew 4,602,589 fans through the turnstiles, President Ban Johnson announced.

CHICAGO.—The United States Golf Association and the Western Golf Association may combine at a joint meeting in New York next month officials said.

CHICAGO.—Jake Schaefer, it was said semi-officially will meet Willie Hoppe here Jan. 21, in a match for the 18.2 balk line billiard championship.

LINCOLN, Neb.—The Oregon Aggies are to play Nebraska here on Thanksgiving Day to take the place made vacant on the Husker gridiron schedule by the failure of negotiations with the University of Southern California.

CHINESE BANDIT WHO KIDNAPPED
AMERICAN LAST MAY EXECUTED

PEKIN, Dec. 20.—Sun Mei Yao, the Chinese bandit who directed the wrecking and bombing of the Peking-Shanghai express on May 6th when many Americans and other foreigners were kidnapped, was executed today. The bandit leader was caught trying to arouse the regular troops to mutiny.

Man And Wife
Shot At By
Enraged
Foes

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 20.—Dr. J. H. Hawkins, Klan organizer, and wife, arrived here after being chased twenty miles by angry Klan opponents. The pursuing party fired scores of shots at Hawkins' car, which was scarred by the bullets. Hawkins angered his hearers at a meeting by reference to a religious denomination. A riot followed and he fled.

Hungry Germans
Need Aid Now

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Direct and immediate relief for Germany is imperative because of a dangerous food shortage, was declared on behalf of Secretary Mellon. The refusal of France to permit priority over reparations payments makes it impossible to make a food loan. Direct charity is necessary as the banks cannot advance money for the famine relief measure.

WACO.—A new express depot is being built here by the electric railway company. It is 60 by 105 feet. It will occupy the old site and considerable additional ground.

DALLAS.—Officials of the system have expressed the belief that it may be possible to have the new electric line to Denton in operation by next fall in time for the Texas State Fair at Dallas.

HOBOKEN, N. J.—Not only did thieves take his money and jewelry but his gold tooth and underclothing as well when John Laner took a three day snooze at a First Avenue restaurant and saloon.

CHICAGO.—The average mentality of Chicago prohibition agents is only three points above the grade school "flunking" average, a test conducted by their chief showed.

The ancient Hindoos excelled in surgery, their cataract operation still being used.

MISS MARGARET LEIGH, daughter of a former Kentucky race horse owner is the only woman jockey in America. She has ridden horses since childhood.

J. W. Clark recently bought the place at 607 East Palestine, and is now occupying it as his home.

D. W. Wright of Celeste, was a visitor to the city Monday.

A. L. Higdon of Lampasas was a business visitor to Mexia Monday.

M. D. Carson of Brownwood was in the city Tuesday.

P. W. Chunn of Hubbard was a visitor to the city Monday.

Pay your poll tax.

WARSHIPS OF MANY NATIONS
GATHER AT CANTON TO STOP
PLANS AGAINST CUSTOM HOUSE

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Six American warships, with five British, two Japanese, two French and one Portuguese now are assembled at Canton to prevent seizure of the customs house by Sun Yat Sen, Southern dictator according to a Hong Kong dispatch to the Daily Mail.

In a message to the American people Sun Yat Sen cabled:

"I the twelfth year of our struggle for liberty, comes not a Lafayette, but an American admiral, with more revenue within his territory in order that 'traitors and militarists may flourish at Peking.'"

Sun Yat Sen, who wanted to seize the customs to finance his war against the Peking Government, adds it would be a "crime and an undying shame," if the naval power of the United States were used to collect Chinese revenue within his territory in order that "traitors and militarists may flourish at Peking."

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THE WEATHER

East Texas.—Tonight and Friday unsettled, probably rain in the east. Warmer in east and south tonight. Somewhat colder in northwest Friday.

West Texas.—Tonight and Friday unsettled and somewhat colder in the north Friday.

ONLY
3
DAYS LEFT
TO SHOP

U. S. Shows Great Tennis Power ni 1923.

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Increasing power of the United States as a tennis nation and the advance of the American game to a position where it seems that this country will be im pregnable against foreign assault were by far the outstanding features of tennis competition during the '23 season.

With the exception of Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen, whose reign as the recognized world's champion player is even now threatened, no foreign player, was able to do a thing against American competitors.

The classic tournament at Wimbledon, once recognized as being for the world's championship and now regarded only as the British championship, was completely overshadowed by three American stars—Billy Johnston, Francis T. Hunter, and Vinnie Richards.

Johnston and Hunter engaged in the final round and Johnston won the title that was held in 1922 by Gerald Patterson, the former captain of the Australian Davis Cup team who did not defend his title.

Reviewing international tennis for 1923 is confined to a recitation of American triumphs and the following observations are most interesting of the lot:

Mlle. Lenglen is still the world's greatest woman player, but she hasn't long to reign, if Helen Wills, the California star, continues to improve.

Bill Tilden is the greatest singles player of all times.

Francis T. Hunter is the most promising of the young American players.

Vinnie Richards has reached the peak of his form and never will be any better.

Billy Johnston has seen his best days and is on the decline.

Mrs. Molla Mallory has collapsed completely and is through.

Decline of Johnston and the failure of Richards to improve over his present game makes the United States, in anything but a secure position to defend the Davis Cup successfully for many years.

Perhaps the outstanding events of the home sea on was the victory of Helen Wills in the national woman's championship. It really was an event of national interest as "Little Helen" won the title from Mrs. Mallory, who had held it for nine years.

The form shown by the brilliant young California girl enthused her friends to the point where they are ready to accept her as a candidate for the world's championship.

With youth, a splendid physique and a sound and brilliant game in her favor, there is no reason to believe that Miss Wills should not be good enough in three years to win the world's title from Mlle. Lenglen.

Perhaps she will succeed in less than that, but she is sure to get there and she might develop into a player of the Tilden type, in her class.

Two youthful fans, debating the merits of the high school teams here just before a city championship game, became so wrought up over the subject that they engaged in fist combat.

Police took them in tow. While they were inside telling it to the judge, a howling mob of high school students gathered about the jail and after debating whether they should tear the structure down and rescue their heroes decided to let the law take its course.

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For instance: "You'll never get plimove out of me," L. E. Barnwell, a carpenter, told the judge.

"You'll pay alimony or you'll stay in jail until you do pay it." That's what the judge told Barnwell.

And the conversation was brought to an end.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 17, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl eight years old. Old Santa, I want a big doll, doll bed, and a doll buggy, and also some candy, nuts and Old Santa Claus don't forget my teacher, Miss Mays. Don't forget my sister's teacher. Her name is Juanita Wallace. Old Santa Claus, one of my brothers is sick and if he is sick when Christmas comes I hope that he has something for Christmas. Your friend, Juanita Maxwell.

Dear Santa:
I want a train, a sled, a wagon, and an airgun, and some fruit. And father wants a book and mother wants an electric iron. I love you, Santa. Do you love me? Marshall Murray.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 17, 1923

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a bicycle, airgun, box with a rooster in it, toy Ford car, clown, box of caps, seven marbles, bugle, and a stocking full of candy, nuts and fruit.

With love, Jack Mays.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 17, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:
I am sending you a Christmas letter. Please bring me a doll that can say mamma and a doll bed. Some oranges and apples and nuts and don't forget my little sister and my teacher. As ever

Your little friend, Willie T. Sweatt.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 17, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 7 years old. I want you to please bring me a box of tools a little train, a football and some nuts, fruits and candy. My stocking will be hanging right over my cedar chest.

I thank you. Oh yes I live on corner of Canton and Sumpter streets, 316. C. B. Edwards, Jr.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 18, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy just eleven years of age, and as my papa is not getting

very much money on the work he does, I will not ask you for very much. This is what I want most of all: A bicycle a picture book, an Ever-Ready pencil and some fruit and nuts and candy.

I have two sisters, one is 17 years old and the other 13 years old. The one that is 13 years old says she would like to have a real good fountain pen and the other wants a wrist watch so I guess that is all we can afford.

So goodbye and don't forget my two little nieces and my two little nephews, who live at Breckenridge.

I am Your friend, Eugene Taylor. Box 221. Mexia, Texas, Dec. 17, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:
I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a set of dishes and a buggy and also a pretty doll and some nuts and candy. If you don't think it is too much for me. So goodbye Santa Claus.

From Thelma Gaines.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 19, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl seven years old and in the second grade and study hard so won't you please bring me a doll, a doll buggy, a set of dishes some fire works and lots of candy and fruit.

With lots of love from Stacey Westmoreland. 601 South McKinney street.

Lake Chapala is the largest lake in Mexico, seventy miles long and twenty miles wide.

British Warships Circle The Globe

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Six British warships left Davenport the other day on the most extended cruise ever attempted by a naval squadron.

The cruise, which will extend over 300 days and carry the six vessels into all seas, is a part of the great "Empire program" adopted at the recent Empire conference in London. The ships will visit all the important ports in the British Empire and assist in the expansion of British trade.

The squadron consists of the battleships Hood and Repulse and the light-cruisers Delhi, Danae, Dauntless and Diagon.

Leaving Davenport the British men-of-war voyaged directly south to the Cape, where Christmas will be spent. The squadron will then steam northward, up East Africa and across the Indian Ocean to Singapore which will be reached on Feb. 14. Crossing the seas of the Asiatic Archipelago, Sydney, Australia, will be reached about Easter time.

Going to Canada. Thence the voyage will continue direct across the Pacific to Honolulu, and into Canadian waters, Vancouver and Esquimalt, where there will be a stopover of about two weeks, extending into July. Then the squadron will steer southward, the battle-cruisers proceeding through the Panama Canal, the light cruisers going towards Valparaiso and Callao to round Cape Horn. The cru-

sors will visit Jamaica and proceed north to Halifax before beginning the last leg of the voyage back to England across the Atlantic.

This is the first time in forty years that a British naval squadron has cruised around the world. A great part of the last one was done under sail.

Clark Gillaugh of Franklin was a visitor to Mexia Tuesday.

W. R. Cooper of Bynum was in the city Monday.

P. F. Wallan of Jacksonville was in the city Monday.

John Reese of Tehuacana was in Mexia Tuesday and Wednesday.

W. M. Moody was a visitor to Mexia Wednesday.

Jean Cox, of Fallon, was in the city Tuesday.

Bob East and John Booth, of Coolidge were in Mexia Tuesday.

Steve Womack has returned from Dallas where he is attending the Terrill school to spend Christmas holidays at home.

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T. Edgar Johnson, of Breckenridge was a visitor to Mexia Tuesday.



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15c Wonder If She's Lonely Too—Fox Trot
10c Densie Krueger's Orchestra

POPULAR VOCAL
2470—I've Been Saving for a Rainy Day
15c "Taint Nuthin' Else" Mable Harris

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\$2.00
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\$2.00
Giocunda (Voco di donna) Sigrid Onegin
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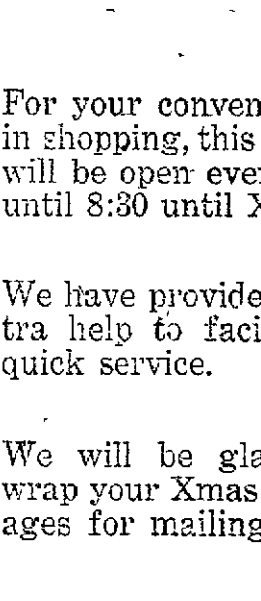
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Anger Of Wife Sends Husband To Prison Cell

By MARK H. KNIGHT
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
DENVER, Colo., Dec. 20.—From behind prison bars, his escape from Joliet, Ill., prison 12 years ago, revealed by his wife in a fit of anger, John Keller views the wreck of his life and his home today in white-faced anguish.

"I tried. God, how I tried!" Keller choked with emotion as he told his story to the United Press.

"It's all over now," he continued, with an utterly dejected look. "I'm 40. I've lived straight for 10 years, bought property and raised a family. If I must go through that hell again, I'll be too old to 'come back.'"

And in the cozy cottage his beautiful 25-year-old wife, with a \$10 bill and four small children, faces Christmas—the most desolate Yuletide of her life.

Now that the family quarrel is over, that the secret is out and every minute brings Joliet authorities nearer to Denver to claim him for the three years and two months he left unserved, Keller holds no malice against his wife.

"It was my fault, I guess, after all," he said. "She's gone over rough roads with me and never whimpered. She never would have told, but she was crazy mad and didn't know what she was doing until it was over—and they had me."

Mrs. Keller broke down with emotion when she faced her husband in jail. "The kiddies," she wept. "They want to know where daddy is. Last night they asked why he didn't come home. Little Jack wanted to know if daddy had gone after Santa Claus. Oh, why did I ever do it?"

There will be no Santa Claus in the Keller home this year. Unless help arrives there will not be a cent in the house, not a toy—and no daddy. Keller was making good, but his small surplus was sufficient only to make payments on the home. Now the payments will stop, the home will be sold and the family will be forced to depend upon charity.

Twelve years ago, Keller was sentenced to one to five years for receiving stolen goods. He served two years and two months, a model prisoner. Then he applied for a pardon. The railway company from which the goods were stolen exerted every influence to have the pardon denied—and it was.

Keller was a streamliner. He fitted three lengths of pipe together and with this as an aid crawled over the prison walls to freedom.

He started to rebuild his life. In Sacramento, Cal., he worked a year. Then he came to Louisville, Colo., and worked two years in a smelter, going

afterward to Salt Lake City, where he met the woman he married. Since then he has worked steadily. Four children have been born to them—Jane, 6; Jack, 5; Katherine, 3 and Dannie, 1.

Not long ago Keller got a job with the Burlington shops in Denver, purchased four lots and built a bungalow.

H.C.L. Is Jumping Everywhere Again

By HENRY WOOD
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
GENEVA. (By mail to United Press.)—Following a world wide tendency throughout the first three-quarters of the year towards decrease in the cost of living and a stabilization of prices at a lower level, the final quarter of 1929 is being marked by a steady, almost violent increase in the H. C. L.

Statistics just gathered from all of the leading countries of the world by the International Labor Bureau show the upward movement in the cost of living to be general.

While no specific cause is assigned for the change that has suddenly wiped out all of the brighter promises which the first nine months of the year held out the sudden tendency upwards is generally ascribed to the world-wide repercussion that is caused by the unsettled European situation, and especially of reparations.

In Three Countries
Germany, Hungary and Russia are the countries that are most violently affected for the moment by the increase in the cost of living. In Germany the change is so rapid that monthly index figures are no longer of use, and the International Labor Bureau has been obliged to ask for weekly index figures in order to keep abreast of the situation.

While wholesale prices for the moment are still decreasing in both Austria and the United Kingdom, the cost of living there has joined the world wide upward movement.

In the United States, while wholesale prices have begun an upward tendency—the first since last spring—yet these are confined largely to products affected by seasonable fluctuations, such as cotton, wheat, food and foodstuffs, so that it is not yet certain that this will be eventually reflected in the cost of living.

Switzerland Hit
Switzerland has been badly hit by the sudden upward tendency and prices there average 8 per cent higher than during the last quarter.

In Belgium the prices of every-

thing are advancing rapidly except for several food groups such as wheat, oats, barley and sugar, but this slight advantage is more than offset by sharp increases in the cost of potatoes, eggs and butter.

In Russia the most marked increase is in the prices of manufactured products, the slight tendency towards lower prices that was manifest in the early part of the year having disappeared entirely. Agricultural prices are also increasing but not so rapidly as those of manufactured goods.

Other countries that report this upward tendency in the cost of living are Canada, Finland, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, India.

Virtually the only countries that show an improvement or at least stationary prices are Italy, Bulgaria and Egypt.

Experts at the International Labor Bureau hold out very little hope for any improvement until some permanent adjustment of the European situation can be secured.

Pay your poll tax.

Knights Of Pythias Regular Meet Tonite

Regular meeting of Travis Lodge No. 20, Knights of Pythias, tonight. Important business and all members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome.—R. M. JOHNSON, C. C.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FROM MAYFIELD

Local friends are receiving Christmas Greetings from Senator Earl B. Mayfield. The cards read: "Christmas greetings and very best wishes for the New Year."

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January "American Magazine," January "Woman's Home Companion" on sale Pioneer News Stand. 20-2

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Mexia Rotarians Hear Rotary Educational Plan As Conducted By The Dallas Rotary Club

In the following letter to J. Sandford Smith, of the Educational Committee of the Mexia Rotary Club, Billy Haughton, secretary of the Dallas Rotary, explains how and with what success the educational work there has been conducted. The letter was presented to an interested crowd at Rotary Thursday, when Mr. Smith was leader.

The letter:
"Dallas, Texas, Dec 1, 1929.
Mr. J. Sandford Smith, V. P.,
Prendergast-Smith National Bank,
Mexia, Texas.

Dear Rotarian Smith:
In compliance with the request of your good Secretary, Ben F. Stollenwerk, in a letter addressed to President Bruce Cogarty, I will endeavor to give you some of the details regarding our Students' Loan Fund.

We started our fund some four years ago. In September, 1919, we raised, by volunteer subscription, about 110 of our members, some \$5000. In September, 1920, approximately \$7500 was subscribed by approximately the same number of members. In 1921 no subscription was taken because of the unfavorable business conditions prevailing at that time and for the further reason that we thought the balance on hand sufficient for that winter's needs. In the spring of last year, however, we raised nearly \$10,000 in a few minutes time, at one of our regular meetings, about 150 to 250 members subscribing amounts ranging from \$1 to \$1000, making a total of \$23,000, to which is to be added something over \$6,000 from our last subscription, which is, at this time, still incomplete as to details. Of this amount, \$18,000 has been loaned to 60 boys, the average loan amounting to \$500, there are some exceptions, however.

It was Col. Bill Everett, a member of our club, who originated this plan, and it was he who spoke on this subject at the St. Louis Convention. Col. Bill is thoroughly wrapped up in this work, and his address was received with a great deal of enthusiasm.

We feel very much gratified, also, that the Program Committee of Rotary International selected our club as one of the five outstanding clubs in Rotary International on Boys' Work.

We have a committee of five to administer the details of the Educational work and they are independent of our Board of Directors and Club, although reports are made from time to time to both.

So far, we have confined loans to boys who are graduates of the Dallas (or Dallas County) High School. Whenever a member of the Club knows of a boy who he thinks is qualified to receive a loan, he refers the applicant to a member of our Committee.

The applicant is interviewed and the Committee ascertains all of the facts bearing upon the boy's finances,

education to date, and his intention and purpose in going to college. If the Committeeman is convinced that the boy is worthy and comes within the limitations laid down by the Committee, he is given an application blank copy of which is enclosed herewith. When this is returned to the Committeeman, an individual investigation is made by correspondence and personally and after all the facts are ascertained, the application, together with the letters from the boy's references and the facts ascertained by the investigation are placed before the committee, which determines, thereupon, whether the loan shall or shall not be made.

It is our custom to advance such loans on a 50-50 basis and before any loans are made, the boy must stand an examination for a policy of insurance, which is assigned to the Treasury for the purpose of protecting the fund in the event of the boy's death. If the boy is unable to pay the premium on the policy, it is paid out of the Loan fund and charged as an additional loan to the boy. Usually these loans are upon the boy's individual note, without any security, although in several instances, where the applicant has expressed a willingness to give security, it has been accepted. As a rule, the loan is not paid to the boy in a lump sum, but is advanced to him during the school term as his needs require. In the beginning, however, a note is taken due one year from date, at 4% interest for the full amount of the loan, copy of note also enclosed.

Some of the original loans are still outstanding as payment is not expected, nor required, until the boy has established himself and his earning capacity will enable him to pay back

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I am delighted to have this opportunity of telling you some of the details of our work and hope to hear later that your club has a similar fund to carry on this most wonderful work.

Enclosed please find two booklets, on this subject, which might be of some little value in the way of information.

Any further information that you may desire will be gladly given.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely and Rotarily yours,
BILLY HAUGHTON,
Secretary

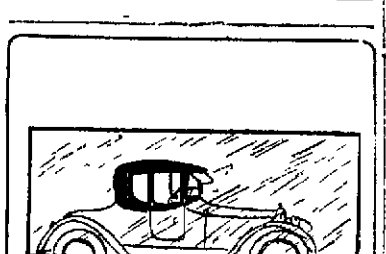
THE FOR TAT

WACO, Texas, Dec. 20.—Many tales tales have been told of dogs risking their lives for their masters; Henry McKim turned the situation around and risked his life for his dog.

Seeing the animal pawing frantically at the door of the burning Burdette Clothing Company, McKim rushed in to save him. The dog retreated and McKim followed into the inferno until he caught him and brought him to safety. Neither was hurt.

F. N. Franklin of Temple was a visitor to the city Monday.

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QUEER ANIMALS

DESEMONA, Texas, Dec. 20.—The latest in freak is a calf here born blind and without a tail. The calf is half red poll and half jersey. A few days ago a farmer reported killing a snake with two heads.

AMARILLO.—The motor bus line which has been in operation in Amarillo, since shortly after the electric street railway was discontinued has been discontinued by the city because it did not pay. The city manager hopes to find a public transportation service adapted to the needs of the city.

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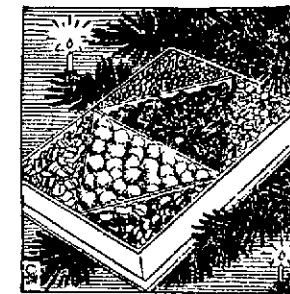
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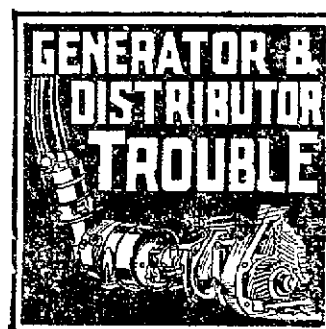
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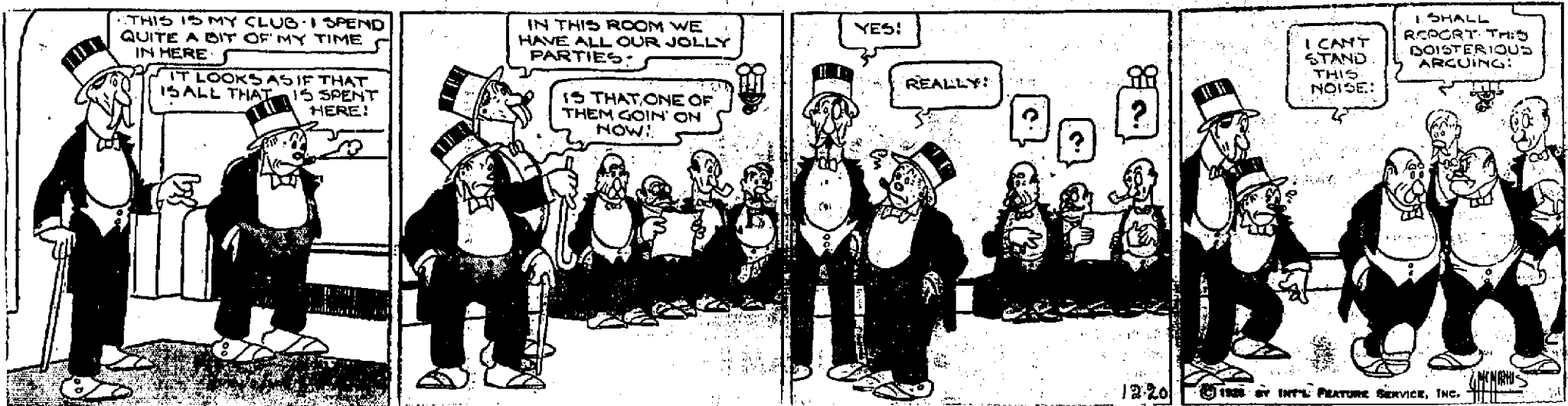
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WANTED—White woman cook to cook for about 8 men. Call 9013 ring 2. 19A2

LOST AND FOUND—D

LOST—23 Jewel Hampden watch, initial S on back. Lost between Sturdt Auto Supply Co. and Humphreys office. Liberal reward for return. News office. 16D4

LOST—White and red spotted bird dog about 10 months old on Tehuacana road about two weeks ago. Notify C. W. Fowler, Tehuacana, Tex. 17D3

LOST—Black suitcase with tan strap, containing clothing, lost between Corsicana and Navarro on road to Mexia. Finder return to A. A. Green, Gonzales, La., and will receive reward. 19D2

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—F

WE SELL and exchange all kinds of furniture, floor covering, stoves, and kitchen hardware. M. Langston, new and second hand furniture, Phone 56. May 10c.

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FOR SALE—J

FOR SALE—Residence lots between Sumpter Street School and High School. W. D. Pittman. Room 205 Pittman Building. 16J13

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NOTICE—Want to buy a double story garage. Will pay cash—if a bargain. Phone 181. 18J2

NOTICE—Anyone contemplating buying a Butter-Kist popcorn machine will profit now and later on by communicating with A. E. Epperson at the Oasis Confectionery at Mexia, Texas. 18J3

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FOR SALE OR LEASE—By the 1st of year, my home on Titus street. Eight rooms and bath with all conveniences. Mrs. Mae Shelton. 17J1

FOR SALE—Good milk cow. See W. J. Wright at Buckner & Wright Lumber Co. 18J6

crowd that will certainly come.

The big barbecue will be served under cover in the Cotton Warehouse where they can feed 3000 at one time and the 250 cakes were being iced as the conversation was held.

The corner stone laying by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas Masons will also be under cover as a water proof shed has been provided. In fact every precaution has been taken to make people comfortable and enable them to enjoy themselves.

The big parade will be held at 11 o'clock and the two floats from Mexia were ready and were said to be very handsome indeed.

After the parade dinner will be served.

The Chamber of Commerce was informed that there would be three bands and as they are counting on the Elks Band of Mexia it would make four.

The entire schools of Groesbeck will be in the parade, the Groesbeck schools being dismissed for the day.

In the early evening there will be an old fiddlers' contest in which there are already a large number entered.

Immediately after the old fiddlers' contest there will be an old fashioned square dance and following the dance they are going to permit the young folks to trip the light fantastic in a more modern vein.

Wednesday afternoon the Chamber of Commerce is attempting to round up its forces of those people who will occupy its float.

On Sunday all of the churches in the city were invited to have some members on this float, but up to the time of this writing the Chamber of Commerce has heard officially from only one of them.

It might be explained that it is not the intention of the Chamber of Commerce that any denominational lines be disclosed in the selection of their representatives but that the people on the float will represent the church citizenship of Mexia as an aggregate whole. It is still to be hoped that these invitations will be responded to, and if they are not the Chamber of Commerce will try to fill the float with school children and business men.

The secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, having just returned from Austin, stated to a News reporter Wednesday that he intends to ask the Rotary Club and Lions Club to take charge of the delegation as he had to go to Groesbeck immediately after the Rotary luncheon.

We charge 25c for all gasoline and tire service calls inside of the city limits; 50c per mile thereafter. A charge of 25c to everyone for taking off and putting on chains. Mexia Battery & Tire Co., Inc., Nos. One and Three Stations. 18-10

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Texas, County of Limestone. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas County, of the 14th day of Dec. 1923, by The District Clerk of said Dallas County, for the sum of \$1800.00 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Foreclosure and Deed of Trust Lien,

in favor of in a certain cause in said court, No. 49016-7 and styled Fidelity Savings Trust Company, versus Mrs. Della Box, the surviving wife of S. A. Box, deceased, Clarence Box, Alvie Box, Mable Box, Homer Box, Ruby Box, Herman Box, Banton Box, and Mrs. Della Box, Guardian of the Estates of Clarence, Alvie, Mable, Homer, Ruby, Herman, and Banton Box, Minors.

The Plaintiff, Fidelity Savings Trust Company, recovered, in the District Court of Dallas County, 68th Judicial District of Texas, a judgement against the said defendants, Della Box, for the sum of \$1800.00 principal, \$124.80 interest and \$222.48 attorney's fees, together with interest on \$2224.80 principal and interest at the rate of 10% per annum and interest at the rate of 6% per annum on \$222.48 attorney's fees from said November 13th, 1923.

And placed in my hands for service, I, Whit Popejoy, Sheriff of Limestone County, Texas, did, on the 17th day of December, A. D. 1923, Levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Limestone County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being 103 acres of land in the Chas. Roberts survey, described in three tracts as follows:

FIRST TRACT: 42 acres of land described as beginning at the Southeast corner of lot No. 1, in the Adams-O'Neal subdivision of said Chas. Roberts League, in the North line of the 90 acre tract known as the Limestone County Land; Thence North 30 West with the East line of said Lot No. 1, 700 varas to corner from which a post oak 12" in dia. brs. North 22 1/2 East 10 varas; Thence North 60 East 338 varas to corner; Thence South 30 East 700 varas to the Northeast corner of said Limestone County 90 acre tract; Thence South 60 West along the North line of said 90 acre tract 368 varas to the place of beginning.

SECOND TRACT: 30 acres of land described as beginning at the Northeast corner of the R. O'Neal 200 acre homestead tract; Thence North 30 West with said O'Neal's line, 560 varas

to corner; Thence North 60 East 127 varas to corner; Thence North 20 West with the O'Neal line to the Southwest corner of the M. R. Box 18 acre tract; Thence North 60 East to the North-west corner of the 42 acre tract above described; Thence South 30 East 700 varas to the Southwest corner of the 42 acre tract above described; Thence South 60 West 294 varas to the place of beginning.

Said two tracts of land above described being the same land conveyed by Ella Box to S. A. Box on January 12, 1920, by Deed duly recorded in the deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

THIRD TRACT: 31 acres of land known as part of the R. O'Neal homestead, beginning at the most Southern Northwest corner of the 30 acre tract of land described as tract No. 2 above, Thence South 30 East 585 varas to corner on the North line of the tract of land conveyed by Mrs. Abia Box and others to Mrs. Alice Stem, a rock for corner; Thence South 60 West 298 varas to corner; same being the Southeast corner of a 21 acre tract designated by S. A. Box and wife as a part of their homestead; Thence North 31 West 585 varas to the Northeast corner of said 21 acre tract; Thence North 60 East 298 varas to the place of beginning, being part of the land conveyed by M. E. Box, and wife to S. A. Box by deed recorded in Vol. 76, page 178 deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

Said three tracts of land being the same land described in the deed of Trust from S. A. Box and wife, Della Box to Chas. L. Kribbs, Trustee, recorded in Vol. 7, page 493-7, deed of trust records of Limestone County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of Jella Box, and all above named parties; and that on the first Tuesday in Feb. 1924, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Limestone County, in the town of Groesbeck, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate

at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Della Box, et al.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Mexia Daily News, a newspaper published in Limestone County.

Witness my hand, this 17th day of Dec., 1923.

WHIT POPEJOY, Sheriff, Limestone County Texas.
By N. P. Harris, Deputy.
Dec. 18-25 Jan. 2

NOTICE

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank of Mexia, will be held at its banking house Tuesday, January 8, 1924, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. for the purpose of electing Directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before it. Mexia, Texas, December 8th, 1923. W. G. FORREST, Cashier. (10-17-24-31-7)

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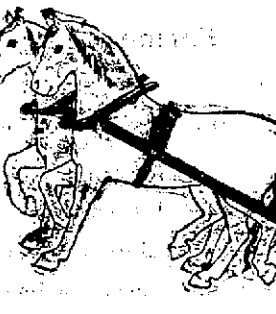
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Dean Towns Saw His First Blue Bonnets At Teahuacana While Attending Old Trinity

Judge John C. Townes, former dean of law at the University of Texas and professor of law at the time of his death, in Austin from an attack of appendicitis last Tuesday afternoon. He had been operated on last Thursday.

Judge Townes is well known in the law circles of Texas having been connected with the law department of the University since the founding of that department in 1806.

He was born in Alabama on January 30, 1852, and came to Texas in his early youth, locating in Travis county. He graduated from Trinity University while that institution was at Teahuacana, where Westminster College now is. He also studied at Baylor. He studied law in Austin and was admitted to the bar in 1873. From then until he entered the law department of the University he practiced law and held two district judgeships.

Three children of four born to him survive him. They are, Edgar and John C. Townes, Jr., attorneys in Houston, and a daughter, Mrs. H. M. Finch of Austin.

John C. Townes, Jr. is well known in Mexia, being attorney for the Humble Oil company.

It was at Teahuacana that Judge Townes first saw the lovely Texas flower, the Blue Bonnet, and those who knew him in his latter years recall the many pleasant memories he mentioned from time to time regarding the inspiration he gained while in the institution in the neighboring community.

GEORGIA SMART SET MINSTRELS COMING TO THE OPERA HOUSE

No company before the public stands the wear of time as well as does the Famous Georgia Smart Set Minstrels to appear in this city. In the hearts of the theatre going public is always popular. The sub title "Georgia" has been copied by many, the object being to mislead the public but this aggregation has never been withdrawn from the American stage for a single season and during the twenty-eight years of its existence it has been kept up to a high standard and is now the management has eclipsed all previous "Fors". The announcement that they will appear at the Opera House, matinee and night Wednesday, December 26th, will be welcome news to the musical fan.

Pay your poll tax.

SCIENTIST SAYS MAN MAY LIVE AS LONG AS ANCIENTS

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—(United Press) By practicing the law of penetrability, man can live to be as old as Methuselah, Alfred W. Lawson of Milwaukee, inventor and scientist, told the United Press Wednesday.

Penetrability, Lawson explained in an interview, is the basic movement of the universe and is caused by suction and pressure between different densities, such as heat passing through water, or steel through wood.

Man is built up by suction and pressure and can't live without it. Man grows until his size is determined by laws of the universe.

Suction, constantly fighting off pressure, causes man to grow and if man can learn, by diet exercise, to equalize suction and pressure, he will live to be several hundred years old.

Lawson denied any scientist to prove his theory wrong and asserts that all textbooks on physics, astronomy, history and biology throughout the world are teaching erroneous rules.

Lawson said sex is determined by the law of penetrability.

Nothing can move without suction and pressure, he said. The seed of the male and female make a composite. There is an internal conflict which

brings the seeds together and in balance. The power of suction over pressure, or vice versa, determines the sex, he declared.

WEST

A ten months old baby of Pat West died Tuesday afternoon at the West home on North Bailey street. The child died of pneumonia and was said to have weighed less at its death than when it was born.

Burial took place yesterday in the New Hope cemetery. The News joins the many friends of the family in extending the most earnest words of sympathy to the parents in their sad hours.

BEAUMONT.—The Eastern Texas Electric Company has begun operation of a motor bus line between Port Neches and Nederland.

Lone Star Stage Line Gives Most Valuable Service

The Lone Star Stage Line's big Cadillac cars leave the city regularly at 9:30 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. for Waco. The station is at the corner of East Commerce and Central Avenue. Big Cadillac cars are used and careful drivers offer a service that is helpful to Waco and Mexia both. The cars go by way of Teahuacana, Coolidge and Prairie Hill, picking up passengers along the route. The stage line has kept up a splendid schedule all thru the inclement and muddy weather experienced in recent weeks.

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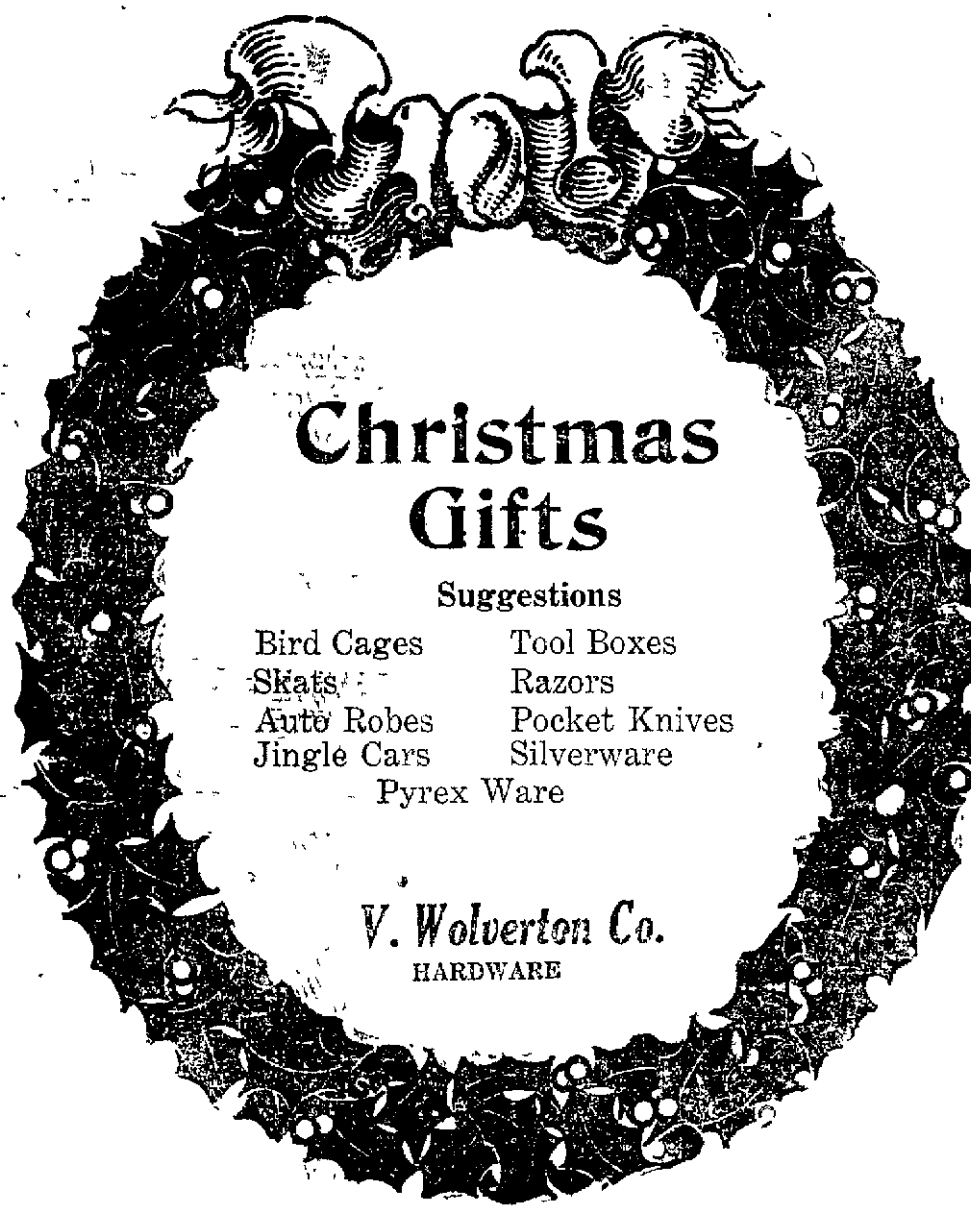
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—Apples—Big red apples from the famous Wenatchee Valley. Oranges and apples cheaper than in many years. Large ones 3c to 5c.

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—We have a large supply of turkeys fattening. Place your order today and we can assure you a nice turkey. You may take it out as late as Monday the 24th.

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—You may need Pop Corn, Marshmallows, Chocolate, Cocoa nut, Extracts, Spices, Salad Dressing, Wesson Oil, Currants, Dates, Catsup, Pickles. We have the kind you like.

CELERY - LETTUCE

—Two items you will enjoy selecting yourself from our Christmas supply. Our cold storage keeps it fresh and crisp.

COME IN

—and watch our sausage being made. We will show you they are made of pork, sage, salt and pepper—and that's all.

P&G SOAP PER BAR 5c

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—Jersey Country Butter, milked, churned and sold by Mr. J. H. McReynolds of Coolidge, Texas. We get a supply twice each week. It's as good as any. Try a pound, 60c.

JELLIES - JAMS

—Marmalades, Jellies, Jams and Preserves. The kind you like in small and large sizes, 12c and up. Large size Cranberry Sauce, ready to eat, per jar 39c.

SWIFT'S PREMIUM

and WILSON'S CERTIFIED HAMS AND BACON
—Brookfield Links and Patties. Large supply bought especially for our Christmas trade.

NUTS

—Walnuts, Almonds, Pecans, and Brazil Nuts priced 20c and up. Large Cocomnuts, each 15c.

FRUIT

—Texas Sweet Grapefruit, Sweet California Oranges, Satsumas, Wenatchee Valley Apples. No hurry—no worry—when you serve yourself and you get exactly what you want.

FLOUR

—Swansdown Cake Flour especially made for cooking fine cakes. Also Instant Swansdown. 48-lb. Bewleys Best—\$1.90 48-lb. Red Mark—1.90 White Crest Flour in four sizes—35c and up.

—Prices marked in plain figures must be right.

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—To get everything just right, select your Christmas eats personally.

STATE OF TEXAS TO RETURN TO CASH BASIS

Klan Organizers Fired On By Opponents

Interstate Commerce Committee Deadlocks Senate

Defense Says Texans Will Take Care Of Fox If Freed

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20.—The defense challenged the state to send Phil Fox to the asylum immediately if a verdict of not guilty is returned. "If the prosecuting attorney hasn't the safety of lives of the community at heart, then send Fox back to Texas, where we will receive him as a sick man and will care for him," shouted Robert Allen of Dallas, defense attorney. Allen declared that Mrs. Fox and her young son are the real sufferers. He also expressed sympathy for Mrs. Coburn and her daughter. He said Fox had no knowledge of the plans made in his behalf.

PAYS OFF TWICE VOLUNTARILY

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 20.—"Boy, you're charged with being drunk," said Police Judge Niblo to Thomas Jefferson Lincoln, negro bell-boy. "Yassuh, jes' a plain five dollar drunk," replied Thomas. "Raise the ante \$5" from the judge. "Check," was Thomas' retort as he paid the ten.

CONGRESS TODAY
SENATE: Considers routine business before adjourning for Christmas holidays.

Commerce Committee considers nomination of Edward P. Farley, head of the Shipping Board.
Tempt Dome investigation continued before Public Lands Committee.

HOUSE: Meets and adjourns for holidays.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—After twenty-three years of litigation, Edward J. Scanlon was awarded \$25,000 damages for injuries received by his 2-year-old son when he stepped into a sidewalk hole.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Laws of salvage do not apply to autos, Mike Harvey found when he "towed" in a derelict Ford stranded for two weeks. J. J. Damm, Cleveland, owner, ordered Harvey's arrest.

ARDMORE, Ok.—Fred Tucker "ambushed" what he thought was a flock of wild geese and killed fourteen. An irate farmer collected \$2 apiece for his slaughtered birds.

NEW YORK.—Alexander Dubin, author of the song, "Just a Girl that Men Forget," is accused of having forgotten his wife eleven times since their marriage in 1919, according to a suit for separation filed here.

Miss Adele M. Emin, of Providence has the distinction of being the first woman in Rhode Island to qualify as a certified public accountant.

PROGRESS OF THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION

East Front:
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 19.—President Obregon announced the rebels retreating, following their defeat at San Marcos in which many were taken prisoner.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 19.—Adolfo De La Huerta announced officially that Federal General Martinez, who had been defending San Marcos, had surrendered with all his men.

West Front:
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 19.—Having defeated the De La Huerta forces at San Marcos, the Federals are ready to begin a decisive offensive in the West Thursday or Friday.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 19.—General Estrada's forces are advancing upon Irapuato, State of Guanajuato, where Obregon troops are passing for a retreat to Mexico City.

Senator Smith A Democrat May Head Body

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Senate is carrying the deadlock over the chairmanship of the Interstate Commerce Committee to the country. All parties in the battle over rail legislation are planning a Christmas holiday campaign to sound out sentiment of their constituents. The contest will be continued through speeches, telegrams and letters. Progressives will sound out the possibilities if they bolt and elect Senator Smith, democrat.

Westminster To Close For The Holidays Friday

This week marks the last week of school at Westminster College before the holidays. Studies will be suspended on Friday and will not be taken up again until the 2nd of January.

With the near approach of the Christmas season the students are eager to be off for home and to be relieved of work during the short vacation allowed them and the instructors report a lagging interest in the work which is hard to cope with.

Several of the students have been excused for the last week of school, but these are those who live at such distances that an extension of time was necessary to permit them to spend as much time at home as those who live nearer the College.
The Fine Arts Department gave their first recital Tuesday evening in the college auditorium and though the weather was markedly inclement there was a good attendance. The program consisted of numbers given by the Piano, Voice and Expression students and was well enjoyed.

McIVER TO MANAGE WACO RED SKINS

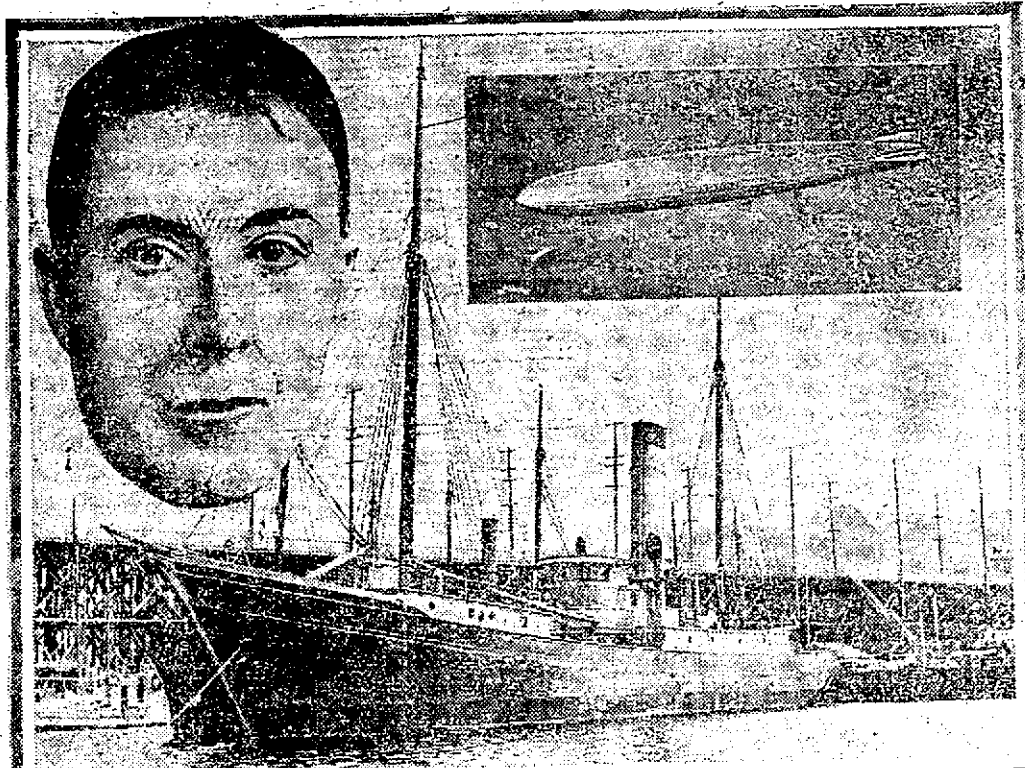
Otto McIver, manager of the Sherman Red Sox in 1923 has been released in order to sign as manager of the Waco Indians during 1924. Sherman's baseball status in 1924 is yet undetermined.

RAIN DELAYS TRAINS

Heavy rains during the past several days have caused a delay in train service for the last few days on the T. & B. V. The trains from Cleburne for the past two days have been about one hour late.

BIBLE MARRIES
FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 20.—Announcement of the marriage of Dana X. Bible, coach at Texas A. and M. college, and Miss Carolyn Rhodes of Bryan, was made here Wednesday.

NAVAL FLYERS TO SEEK NORTH POLE



Lieut. Comm. Robert A. Bartlett, The Roosevelt, (Insert) Shenandoah

By direction of President Coolidge, the U. S. Navy Department is preparing to explore the North Pole next year from the air. Tests will be made to determine whether the Zeppelin "Shenandoah" or heavier-than-air machines will be used, but the odds favor the use of the Shenandoah. Lieutenant-Commander Robert A. Bartlett (U. S. N. R.), chief aide to Admiral Peary when he discovered the Pole, has been called into active naval service to take charge of the expedition. The Roosevelt, which was used by the Peary expedition, will probably be used by the Government to carry materials to the base in the Arctic, later to be selected.

Prosperity Is Predicted For South In 1924

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The south will experience a general increase in wealth and diversion of population from agriculture to manufacturing pursuits as the result of industrial expansion brought about by the realization that many lines of cotton goods can be made cheaper in the south than in the north. W. Irving Bullard, treasurer National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, said in an interview. He predicted a prosperous era for the south, development of textile industries and resultant and enchantment of property values, and more stable economic conditions. Lower taxes, lower wages and longer hours permitted by law favor cotton goods manufacturing in the south, he said. At least 80 per cent of cotton mills expansion in the south is financed by southern capital.

FIGHTS AND FIGHTERS

NEW YORK.—Willie Harmon, New York middleweight, stopped Johnny Summer, New York, in the fourth round.

NEW YORK.—Casper Leon, New York flyweight, son of the old bantam star, who fought McGovern, Dixon and Barry, made his debut in an amateur tournament last night and lost a decision.

NEW YORK.—Tom McGinty, Cleveland promoter is prepared to make a big offer for a Tom Gibbons-Georges Carpenter fight next year, according to Eddie Long, partner of Eddie Kane, Gibbons' manager.

NEW YORK.—Mickey Walker will take legal action to prevent the New Jersey Boxing Commission from giving him another penalty for violating a suspension. Jack Bulger, his manager said, Bulger claimed that Walker boxed recently at a church benefit, although he was suspended and thought it was not an offense.

BALTIMORE.—Joe Dundee, Baltimore lightweight, outpointed Ted Merchant, England, in a 12 rounds,

"Lee Freed His Slaves Before General Grant"

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 20.—Columbus did not discover America.
Captain John Smith Pocahontas' sheik, didn't work for the good of the early colonists but was hired to send back unfavorable reports to England.
General Robert E. Lee freed his slaves long before General Grant turned his loose and Abraham Lincoln, pictured as a Godly man, belonged to no church.
Thus does Miss Mildred L. Rutherford, Athens, Ga., attack the stories related in histories of America.
Miss Rutherford, in an address here last night in the interest of the Stone Mountain memorial fund, branded Drinkwater's "Abraham Lincoln" and "Robert E. Lee" as "no more true to fact than the work of a child."

In appealing for historical truths instead of fiction, Miss Rutherford asserted that Lincoln's Gettysburg speech was written by an Englishman and that not a newspaper in the country deemed it of enough importance to carry a line of it when it was delivered.

As for Columbus' claim as an explorer, a party of Norwegians settled in Massachusetts long before Queen Isabella's pottage started the westward movement, Miss Rutherford said.

BARNHART-McINTIRE

Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock on East Carthage street, Mr. H. L. Barnhart and Miss Hattie R. McIntire were quietly married in the presence of a few select friends.
Rev. W. B. Andrews, pastor of the First Methodist church said the words that joined them as husband and wife. Mr. Barnhart is with the Humphreys Oil company. They will make their home in Mexia.

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TO SHOP

Six Bodies Are Recovered In Debris Of Hotel

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 20.—After an exhaustive check officials announced that six persons are known dead in the hotel fire. No additional bodies were unearthed, although firemen are still searching the debris.
Gangs of workmen were tearing at the debris early today and it is believed the mystery surrounding the five others unaccounted for will be cleared up before nightfall.
A steady rain which has been falling since Monday hampered the search for the bodies.

SPORTS

CHICAGO.—Games of the American League last season drew 4,692,589 fans through the turnstiles, President Ban Johnson announced.

CHICAGO.—The United States Golf Association and the Western Golf Association may combine at a joint meeting in New York next month officials said.

CHICAGO.—Jake Schaefer, it was said semi-officially will meet Willie Hoppe here Jan. 21, in a match for the 13.2 balk line billiard championship.

LINCOLN, Neb.—The Oregon Aggies are to play Nebraska here on Thanksgiving Day to take the place made vacant on the Husker gridiron schedule by the failure of negotiations with the University of Southern California.

MARRIED AT THE PARSONAGE

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock Mr. L. M. Pruitt and Miss Ollie Mae Scott were married by Rev. W. B. Andrews at the parsonage, 605 E. Commerce St. Mr. Pruitt is with the Simmons Candy company of Mexia.
A small company of friends witnessed the marriage and extended congratulations to the bride and groom.

Man And Wife Shot At By Enraged Foes

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 20.—Dr. J. H. Hawkins, Klan organizer, and wife, arrived here after being chased twenty miles by angry Klan opponents. The pursuing party fired scores of shots at Hawkins' car, which was scarred by the bullets. Hawkins angered his hearers at a meeting by reference to a religious denomination. A riot followed and he fled.

Hungry Germans Need Aid Now

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Direct and immediate relief for Germany is imperative because of a dangerous food shortage, was declared on behalf of Secretary Mellon. The refusal of France to permit priority over reparations payments makes it impossible to make a food loan. Direct charity is necessary as the banks cannot advance money for the famine relief measure.

State Warrants After March To Go To Par

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 20.—The state will return to a cash basis March 1st, State Comptroller Lon Smith announced. At that time state warrants will be accepted at face value instead of being discounted at 1 1/2%, as at present.

Mexicans Go To Celebration At The County Seat

Quite a number of Mexia citizens, men, women and children, are in Groesbeck attending the Semi-Centennial of Limestone County. The Chamber of Commerce entered a float in the parade about noon, which was occupied by about 30 people from here. The bad roads and weather prevented a larger number from attending.

OSSING, N. Y.—W. A. Reeves, 27, British war veteran, has planned his way to freedom from Sing Sing prison. "Too good an actor to remain in the penitentiary," authorities after Reeves played the title role in a prison show.

Miss Margaret Leigh, daughter of a former Kentucky race horse owner is the only woman jockey in America. She has ridden horses since childhood.

J. W. Clark recently bought the place at 607 East Palestine, and is now occupying it as his home.

D. W. Wright of Celeste, was a visitor to the city Monday.

A. L. Higdon of Lampasas was a business visitor to Mexia Monday.

M. D. Carson of Brownwood was in the city Tuesday.

P. W. Chunn of Hubbard was a visitor to the city Monday.

Pay your poll tax.

WARSHIPS OF MANY NATIONS GATHER AT CANTON TO STOP PLANS AGAINST CUSTOM HOUSE

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Six American warships, with five British, two Japanese, two French and one Portuguese now are assembled at Canton to prevent seizure of the customs house by Sun Yat Sen, Southern dictator according to a Hong Kong dispatch to the Daily Mail.

In a message to the American people Sun Yat Sen cabled:
"I the twelfth year of our struggle for liberty, comes not a Lafayette, but an American admiral, with more warships than any other power has in our waters, to join those who wish to crush us, so that the Republic of China may perish."
Sun Yat Sen, who wanted to seize the customs to finance his war against the Peking Government, adds it would be a "crime and an undying shame," if the naval power of the United States were used to collect Chinese revenue within its territory in order that "traitors and militarists may flourish at Peking."

CHINESE BANDIT WHO KIDNAPPED AMERICAN LAST MAY EXECUTED

PEKIN, Dec. 20.—Sun Mei Yao, the Chinese bandit who directed the wrecking and bombing of the Peking-Shanghai express on May 6th when many Americans and other foreigners were kidnapped, was executed today. The bandit leader was caught trying to arouse the regular troops to mutiny.

THE WEATHER

East Texas.—Tonight and Friday unsettled, probably rain in the east. Warmer in east and south tonight. Somewhat colder in northwest Friday.

West Texas.—Tonight and Friday unsettled and somewhat colder in the north Friday.

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too, I drove on down town, thinking I'd go by and pay my poll tax. I went in the City Hall and said to the Secretary "I'd like to pay my poll tax, please."

"Good!" the city clerk exclaimed, there's so few folks paying their poll tax this year, we are glad to welcome you."

Then it was that I remembered that I had given all my money to the wife. So I said:

"Well I don't guess I'll pay mine yet. I'll just wait until it gets to be more popular. I don't want to do anything unpopular, you know?"

With this I backed out of the door and into the Mayor. I told him about the dereliction on the part of my compatriots here and he quickly relieved my mind with the information that in line with the Mexia spirit, he expected a petition to be circulated soon, asking that the elections of 1924 be postponed a year, or at least until Mexia's next oil field came in.

Oran Wro's then advised Mr. Watson that we had better pay off right now then, for the elections would be held in 1924 sure, for the pool at Groesbeck and at Kosse would be opened full force within the next few months.

On the way out of the hall, I met Joe Arrington reading "Early Morning Observations" in the Houston Post.

"Joe," I asked what are you reading that column this late in the day for?"

He didn't say anything, but just pointed to the following:

"The old-fashioned boy who used to get an apple, an orange, a handful of mixed nuts, a dime's worth of powder and shot or a new pair of home-knit socks for Christmas now has a grandson who must have a new car, a diamond ring, a silver pocket flask and a check. Times change."

By this time, a good many Mexia citizens and about a dozen boys and girls from the schools of the city gathered around me. I asked them what they were going to do and they advised me promptly that they were going to Groesbeck to parade. In the bunch was Old Crow. I called him to one side and said: "See here, Crow, I am going to Groesbeck today, but may get there too late for the ceremonies, as I hear the roads are pretty muddy and I may not be able to make it in my buggy, so I wish you would get the address of Lynch Davidson for me for publication in The Mexia Daily News."

Old Crow said all right, so after the speaking, he returned as fast as he could come, reaching the office of The News just before press hour.

"I have it. I have it," he exclaimed as he entered the door.

"Have what?" I asked.

"Lynch Davidson's address," he replied.

"Good, good, much obliged, thank you, where is it," I then asked.

"Here it is," he said, pulling out a piece of paper that read:

"Lynch Davidson, Lumberman, Houston, Texas."

Miss Maggie Clark, teacher at Tivola, in South Texas, is here to spend the holidays with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clark, 607 East Palestine street.

GUEST OF THE HEART

By Ben B. Hunt.

I HAVE A FRIEND
I have a friend, a noble friend,
Who's like a cheerful light;
When shadows on my soul portend,
She puts them all to flight;
My mother is this noblest friend,
Her heart is like a rose.
Sweet thoughts of her come to me
Now
On every breeze that blows.

No other friend is half so sweet
And none so good and true;
No other friend can soothe my soul
As this good friend can do;
There's healing in her tender hands
And magic in her voice;
The sweetness of her bonnie heart
Sure makes my heart rejoice.

When kindly fortune takes the helm
Of my great ships at sea;
And pilots on through wind and storm
And safely home to me,
This proud and happy friend of mine
She's thrill'd with joy because her boy
Ventured forth and won.

This faithful friend who knows the trend
Of all my hopes and fears,
With loving deeds for all my needs
Has help'd me through the years;
When failure comes and hard luck hums
And losses many be,
Her faithful heart will not depart
From constant thoughts of me.

Of magic friend—this dear friend,
Her eyes are like the stars!
My heart may weep with bitter grief
My soul behind the bars;
Comes to me then this magic friend
And when her face I see,
Her smiling orbs my thought absorb
And grief departs from me.

Oh, how I love this priceless friend,
Whose heart is like the sun,
Whose loving words assuage my grief
As they have often done!
And when at last she wanders far,
(As all do soon or late),
No words can then my grief assuage
Or calm my lonely fate.

O, faithful one, your restless son
From you may wander far,
And strands of gray may find their way
To where his temples are;
But love of you his deeds imbue
And tender thoughts arise,
Inspiring things sweet memory brings
Before his wistful eyes.

May God defend this tender friend
Through all ensuing years,
And bring her joy without alloy
(No sorrow, pain or tears);
And may she know with heart aglow
All through each precious day,
How she inspires with high desires
Her lad so far away!

QUEBEC.—This province has 7,199 beekeepers.

We charge 5c for all gasoline and tire service calls inside of the city limits; 5c per mile thereafter. A charge of 25c to everyone for taking off and putting on chains. Mexia Battery & Tire Co., Inc., Nos. One and Three Stations. 18-10

The Paris catacombs are again becoming one of the show places of the city. The great labyrinth corridors cut from stone hold the skeletons of more than 3,000,000 persons who have died in Paris during several centuries.

CARTHAGE.—Arrangements have been made for improved lighting of the business streets here by installation of awning lights.

LET MEXIA GO AHEAD

Davy Crockett once said, "Be sure you're right then go ahead". A rugged statement, perhaps, as that uncouth forerunner of American civilization was rugged. But it embodies an ideal of persistence that has made America what it is today.

If ambition is one parent of achievement, perseverance is the other. Getting on the right track is a small matter compared to keeping on it and continually making progress. The person who hasn't the fundamental courage to stand pat with his convictions is certain to find his aspirations hopelessly shattered, by the opposition that is sure to be met.

Perseverance is admired even in an enemy. He who can say with the heroic apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith," is indeed a person to be looked upon with pride and admiration.

Lincoln faced terrific obstacles both in the North and in the South but the firmness with which he met those obstacles as the champion of the great cause for which he struggled, has made him an ideal and has implanted his memory in the hearts of all true Southerners even though he was numbered among their enemies.

Columbus, bravely piloting his tiny vessels westward across the uncharted Atlantic, persevered despite the scoffs and opposition of a blinded world and gave to posterity two new continents and a new civilization.

We cannot all be Lincolns or Columboes but we can at least fill ourselves with something of the spirit of the old Roman who regarded an almost impenetrable fortress which he directed to take, with these words, "I'll find a way or make one."

J. D. Seaberg of this city has made a worthy suggestion. He is right. Mexia knows he is right. The next thing then is to catch the Crockett spirit and go ahead.

Mrs. E. P. Ward has received word that her son-in-law, Mr. Fred Hoffstetter of San Antonio is quite ill.

LITTLE FOXES

—Showing the Importance of Little Things.

—By A. Garland Adair

HOME

"Be it ever so humble," truly, "there's no place like home."

The most sacred spot on the earth is home.

It may be entered through a cottage door or a palace gate. It is the holiest of sanctuaries.

It may be a little cabin built of logs in the wilds far, far away, or a shining mansion high on some commanding hill. Still it is the place where love drives the disappointments of the day from the hearthstone; and around the family altar, it fans to an eternal flame the hopes for the morrow.

Rude and ugly to look upon or a marvel of completeness and luxury, it is the Royal White House of Mother, where we receive from the Creator life's first breath, in the hallowed cradle of love.

Man may have other aspirations and ambitions; he may cherish lofty ideals of life; he may be willing to sacrifice and suffer to gain a worthy goal; but he can have no nobler aim than to build a home.

Home builders are community builders.

A home loving nation is a God-loving nation of vision and progress.

In putting first things first, let's not forget our homes.


ON THE WAY DOWN TOWN

Before I left home this morning on the way down town my wife and children told me that I need not bother about Christmas shopping today. I knew at once what Rodney Tidwell meant when he asserted late Wednesday that the women and children nowadays love dear old Dad so much that they prefer that he give them the money and let them do all the work while the poor fellow rests.

Feeling relieved, both of the necessity of selecting Christmas gifts, and incidentally of all the money, I had

Gifts for Men

Selections Galore



—Give something serviceable, sensible, wearable, practical. Let us help you choose the right kind of a gift for your men folk. Butler's is a man's store. We know what men want and our showing of quality gifts is large.

—Caps	—Neckwear
—Gloves	—Night Shirts
—Grips	—Overcoats
—Gabardine Coats	—Suits
—Handkerchiefs	—Shoes
—Hats	—Shirts
—Hosiery	—Sweaters
—Jewelry	—Suit Cases
—Leather Vests	—Trousers
—Leather Puttees	—Traveling Sets
—Mufflers	—Underfinery
—Manicure Sets	—Wardrobe Trunks

—We shall be very glad to assist you in making your selections.

GIFTS PUT UP IN XMAS BOXES PARCELS WRAPPED AND MAILED

BUTLER'S

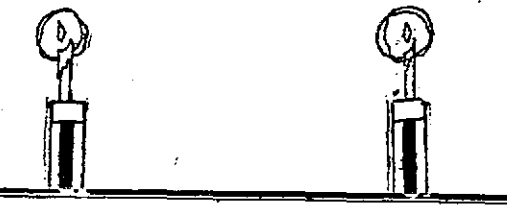
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Are Always Acceptable Gifts

WE HAVE THEM

Come in and look at our stock.



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PHONE 389

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The greatest stock in Limestone county from which to make your selections.



For Her	For Him
—Diamond Wrist Watches	—Diamond Emblem Buttons
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—Diamond Bapins	

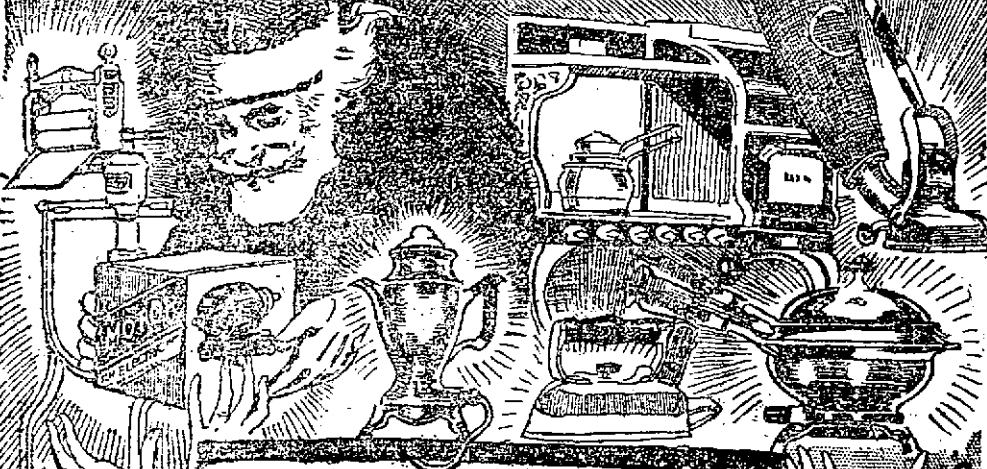
OTHER SUGGESTIONS for various members of the family

—Candle Sticks	—Desk Sets
—Jewel Cases	—Silver Pencils
—Manicure Sets	—Broaches
—Cigarette Cases	—Sewing Sets
—Purses	—Military Brushes
—Vanity Cases	—Cigar Holders
—Rattles	—Lockets

DIAMOND JEWELRY COMPANY

103 SOUTH SHERMAN ST.

Only 3 More Shopping Days till Xmas



Santa Says: "Electrical Appliances"

—Mr. MAN—Santa offers a suggestion in selecting your wife's Christmas presents. He advises Electrical necessities—from Community Light and Power Co. The very things she wants—needs for the comfort of your home.

Santa was just here—dropped a big sack of brand new Electrical Appliances. Let us aid you in your choice. Among our stock you will find the following items:

—Sewing Machine	—Heating Pads
—Motors	—Irons
—Vacuum Sweepers	—Stoves
—Boudoir Lamps	—Toasters
—Miniature Lamps	—Grills
for Xmas Trees	—Percolators
—Sewing Machines	

And many other Electrical Gifts too numerous to mention.

Community Light and Power Company

North Sherman St.

U. S. Shows Great Tennis Power in 1923.

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Increasing power of the United States as a tennis nation and the advance of the American game to a position where it seems that this country will be impregnable against foreign assault were by far the outstanding features of tennis competition during the '23 season.

With the exception of Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen, whose reign as the recognized world's champion player is even now threatened, no foreign player was able to do a thing against American competitors.

The classic tournament at Wimbledon, once recognized as being for the world's championship and now regarded only as the British championship, was completely overshadowed by three American stars—Billy Johnston, Francis T. Hunter, and Vinnie Richards.

Johnston and Hunter engaged in the final round and Johnston won the title that was held in 1922 by Gerald Patterson, the former captain of the Australian Davis Cup team who did not defend his title.

Reviewing international tennis for 1923 is confined to a recitation of American triumphs and the following observations are most interesting of the lot:

Mlle. Lenglen is still the world's greatest woman player, but she hasn't long to reign, if Helen Wills, the California star, continues to improve. Bill Tilden is the greatest singles player of all times.

Francis T. Hunter is the most promising of the young American players.

Vinnie Richards has reached the peak of his form and never will be any better.

Billy Johnston has seen his best days and is on the decline.

Mrs. Molla Mallory has collapsed completely and is through.

Decline of Johnston and the failure of Richards to improve over his present game makes the United States in anything but a secure position to defend the Davis Cup successfully for many years.

Perhaps the outstanding events of the home season was the victory of Helen Wills in the national woman's championship. It really was an event of national interest as "Little Helen" won the title from Mrs. Mal-

lory, who had held it for nine years. The form shown by the brilliant young California girl enthused her friends to the point where they are ready to accept her as a candidate for the world's championship.

With youth, a splendid physique and a sound and brilliant game in her favor, there is no reason to believe that Miss Wills should not be good enough in three years to win the world's title from Mlle. Lenglen.

Perhaps she will succeed in less than that, but she is sure to get there and she might develop into a player of the Tilden type, in her class.

Howled A While And Then Quit

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 20.—Rabid football spirit threatened destruction of the police station here recently.

Two youthful fans, debating the merits of the high school teams here just before a city championship game, became so wrought up over the subject that they engaged in fistic combat.

Police took them in tow. While they were inside telling it to the judge, a howling mob of high school students gathered about the jail and after debating whether they should tear the structure down and rescue their heroes decided to let the law take its course.

Said He Wouldn't But Judge Said He Would and Did

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 20.—"Make it snappy." Even in conversation this rule applies in Judge J. D. Harvey's court.

For instance: "You'll never get alimony out of me," L. E. Barnwell, a carpenter, told the judge.

"You'll pay alimony or you'll stay in jail until you do pay it." That's what the judge told Barnwell.

And the conversation was brought to an end.

Pay your poll tax.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 17, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl eight years old. Old Santa, I want a big doll, doll bed, and a doll buggy, and also some candy, nuts and Old Santa Claus don't forget my teacher, Miss Mays. Don't forget my sister's teacher. Her name is Juanita Wallace. Old Santa Claus, one of my brothers is sick and if he is sick when Christmas comes I hope that he has something for Christmas.
Your friend,
Juanita Maxwell.

Dear Santa:
I want a train, a sled, a wagon, and an airgun, and some fruit.
And father wants a book and mother wants an electric iron.
I love you, Santa. Do you love me?
Marshall Murray.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 17, 1923

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a bicycle, airgun, box with a rooster in it, toy Ford car, clown, box of caps, seven marbles, bugle, and a stocking full of candy, nuts and fruit.
With love,
Jack Mays.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 17, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:
I am sending you a Christmas letter. Please bring me a doll that can say mamma and a doll bed. Some oranges and apples and nuts and don't forget my little sister and my teacher.
As ever
Your little friend,
Willie T. Sweatt.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 7 years old. I want you to please bring me a box of tools a little train, a football and some nuts, fruits and candy. My stocking will be hanging right over my cedar chest.
I thank you.
Oh yes I live on corner of Canton and Sumpter streets, 316.
C. B. Edwards, Jr.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 18, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy just eleven years of age, and as my papa is not getting

very much money on the work he does, I will not ask you for very much. This is what I want most of all: A bicycle a picture book, an Ever-Ready pencil and some fruit and nuts and candy.

I have two sisters, one is 17 years old and the other 13 years old. The one that is 13 years old says she would like to have a real good fountain pen and the other wants a wrist watch, so I guess that is all we can afford.

So goodbye and don't forget my two little nieces and my two little nephews, who live at Breckenridge.

I am
Your friend,
Eugene Taylor.

Box 221.
Mexia, Texas, Dec. 17, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:
I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a set of dishes and a buggy and also a pretty doll and some nuts and candy. If you don't think it is too much for me. So goodbye Santa Claus.

From
Thelma Gaines.

Mexia, Texas, Dec. 19, 1923

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl seven years old and in the second grade and study hard so won't you please bring me a doll, a doll buggy, a set of dishes, some fire works and lots of candy and fruit.

With lots of love from
Stacey Westmoreland,
601 South McKinney street.

Lake Chapala is the largest lake in Mexico, seventy miles long and twenty miles wide.

British Warships Circle The Globe

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Six British warships left Davenport the other day on the most extended cruise ever attempted by a naval squadron.

The cruise, which will extend over 300 days and carry the six vessels into all seas, is a part of the great "Empire program" adopted at the recent Empire conference in London. The ships will visit all the important ports in the British Empire and assist in the expansion of British trade.

The squadron consists of the battleships Hood and Repulse and the light-cruisers Delhi, Danae, Dauntless and Dragon.

Leaving Davenport the British men-of-war voyaged directly south to the Cape, where Christmas will be spent. The squadron will then steam northward, up East Africa and across the Indian Ocean to Singapore which will be reached on Feb. 14. Crossing the seas of the Asiatic Archipelago, Sydney, Australia, will be reached about Easter time.

Going to Canada.

Thence the voyage will continue direct across the Pacific to Honolulu, and into Canadian waters, Vancouver and Esquimalt, where there will be a stopover of about two weeks, extending into July. Then the squadron will steer southward, the battle-cruisers proceeding through the Panama Canal, the light cruisers going towards Valparaiso and Callao to round Cape Horn. The cru-

sers will visit Jamaica and proceed north to Halifax before beginning the last leg of the voyage back to England across the Atlantic.

This is the first time in forty years that a British naval squadron has cruised around the world. A great part of the last one was done under sail.

Clark Gillaugh of Franklin was a visitor to Mexia Tuesday.

W. R. Cooper of Bynum was in the city Monday.

P. F. Wallan of Jacksonville was in the city Monday.

John Reese of Tehuacana was in Mexia Tuesday and Wednesday.

W. M. Moody was a visitor to Mexia Wednesday.

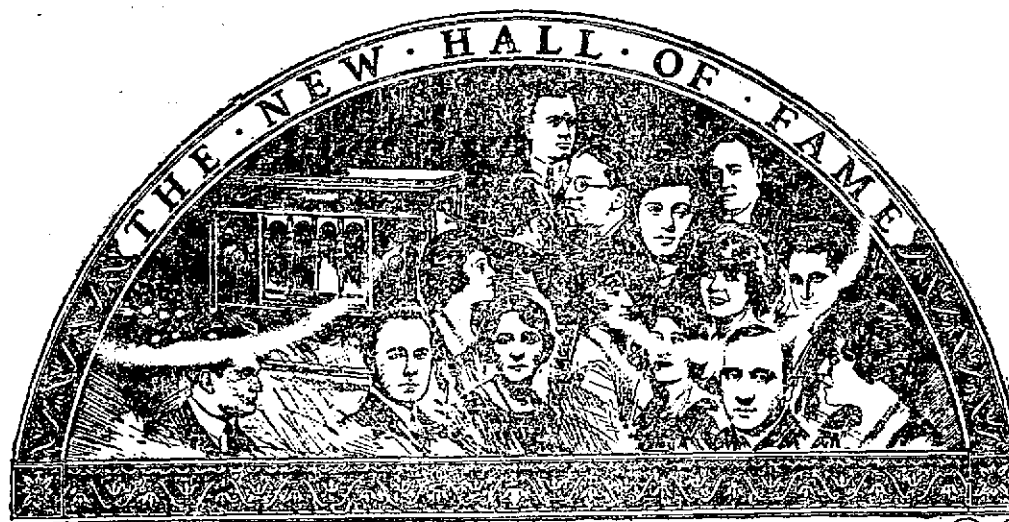
Jean Cox, of Fallon, was in the city Tuesday.

Bob East and John Booth, of Coolidge were in Mexia Tuesday.

Steve Womack has returned from Dallas where he is attending the Terrill school to spend Christmas holidays at home.

Any one wishing a calendar that owns a car and has not received a card we will be glad to give you one if you will call at our No. 1 Station and fill out one of the cards. Mexia Battery and Tire Co., Inc. 18-10

T. Edgar Johnson, of Breckenridge was a visitor to Mexia Tuesday.



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75c Somebody's Wrong—Fox Trot
Isma Jones' Orchestra
2465—That Old Gang of Mine—Fox Trot
75c Wonder If She's Lonely Too—Fox Trot
Bennie Krueger's Orchestra
- POPULAR VOCAL**
2470—I've Been Saving for a Rainy Day
75c 'Taint Nuthin' Else
Marion Harris
- OPERATIC AND CONCERT**
50033—Die Helden Grandduers (Two Grandduers)
\$2.00
Tannhauser (Blichlich unther)
\$2.00
50032—Orfeo ed Euridice (Chio faro tenza)
Euridice
Glorinda (Voce di donna)
\$1.50
15057—Turkish March (From "Turks of Alben") (Beethoven)
Waltz in C Sharp Minor (Chopin)
Josef Hofmann

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Mexia, Texas.



Gangway! Santa Claus Is Here, and just in time again

How wonderfully happy it will make the kiddies! On tables, counters and shelves have been spread out just the "bestest" toys that Santa in his wisdom is able to provide. There is brightness everywhere; an atmosphere of jolly anticipation reigns in this biggest and most brilliant of Toy worlds.

Bring them to TOYLAND tomorrow, and let them experience the greatest joy of their young lives!

Cheeves Bros. & Co.

"Mexia's Largest Department Store"

For your convenience in shopping, this store will be open evenings until 8:30 until Xmas.

We have provided extra help to facilitate quick service.

We will be glad to wrap your Xmas packages for mailing.

Always Glad To Serve You



Patterson's Column



J. W. BAXTER, Jr. wins
THE LAST prize in the
SOLGAN CONTEST conducted
BY OUR store and in
OUR CLOSING reference to
THIS CONTEST I desire to
EXPRESS THE sincerest
APPRECIATION OF the
INTEREST SHOWN by the
CONTESTANTS
ALSO I think it is the
BEST ADVERTISING I
HAVE DONE in Mexia
AS THE slogans and "Ads"
WERE ALMOST without
EXCEPTION EXCELLENT
YOUNG BAXTER understands
ONE OF the cardinal
PRINCIPLES OF advertising
AND THAT IS Brevity
HIS SUGGESTED slogan was
"PATTERSON'S OF Course"
AND OF course he is
RIGHT FOR nearly every
BODY KNOWS that a man who
HAS SPENT three thousand
DOLLARS THIS year
PROMISING FAIR treatment
IS A GOOD
ENOUGH BUSINESS man to
KEEP HIS promise so
COME ON—COME ON—COME ON
WE HAVE a wonderful
STOCK AND our prices
ARE MODERATE and listen
YOUR CREDIT is good and
OUR PRICES are the same
TO ONE and all
I THANK you.

—Patterson.

ROYALTY SHOPS WITH COMMON CROWD IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Patrons of London shops are quite likely to find themselves choosing their Christmas presents side by side with a member of the royal family.
In these modern democratic times, members of Britain's reigning house no longer surround themselves with the pomp and ceremony that formerly characterized all shopping expeditions. A few years ago the shopping of a royal personage was attended by almost as much ceremony as a state progress. Equerries appeared at the favored shop, rich red carpets were hurried out, a way was cleared and decorated and any vehicle in the streets was moved away.
Nowadays, Sue, the petite little miss who presides over the lace-

counter, or Francois, the antique dealer, may have the Queen herself as a customer without even knowing it. Usually, a few minutes before a royal customer's arrival, a telephone message is received by the managing director of the shop to be visited, who is in attendance during the visit. But sometimes there is no formality at all, and royalties go shopping as a unit of the ordinary public.

Many stories of unceremonious meetings between King George and London shop-goers have been told, of which the following is typical: The wife of an American newspaper correspondent, recently come to the city, was one day in a West End shop when it was whispered that the King was about to pay the establishment a visit. As a true American and newspaperman's wife, she immediately left off her own quest and rushed to the front door in the hope of seeing his Majesty arrive.
The store was packed, the crowds moved all too slowly, and in her eagerness to get through the door the young American woman jostled heavily against a small, ruddy complexioned, bearded man. She took little notice of him except that he was garbed in natty muffs, wore a dark English "bowler" hat, and carried a cane. She scarcely noticed his smile and "I beg your pardon, madam"—typical courteous Englishman. With a swift nod of apology she pushed on through the door and to the side walk for a look at the King.

Outside the usual stream of traffic poured along the street, the usual umbrella-swinging multitudes loitered in front of the show windows. No police lines, no signs of royalty anywhere, no signs of expectancy anywhere. Disappointed, she turned and went back into the store.
"But I thought you said the King was coming," she said to the girl at the glove counter. "Where's the King?"
"He's come, madam. Around in the sporting goods section, I think. Surely, you saw him. You nearly knocked him over as you went through the door."

WICHTA FALLS.—Extension of natural gas service in this city that will care for a large number of new homes are being pushed to completion. One new addition to the city alone is getting thirty thousand feet of new mains.

Mexia Drug Co.

Takes pleasure in announcing the arrival of their holiday goods, which are now on display at their store.

The line includes a complete assortment of the following:
EVERSHAP PENCILS
WAHLS PENS AND PENCILS in silver and gold sets.
JEWELRY of the latest designs and patterns.
EASTMAN KODAKS and Supplies.
TOILET GOODS of the leading manufacturers in fancy holiday packages.
STATIONERY in fancy packages including the famous SYMPHONY LAWN.
HIGH GRADE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR GREETING CARDS
ALSO a large assortment of TESTAMENTS AND BIBLES.
MANY other articles that will please you.
We solicit your purchases on above items, as well as your prescription and drug needs.

Always Pleased to
Serve You

**Mexia Drug
Company, Inc.**

The Rexall Low
Priced Store

Phone No. 6—201 E. Commerce.

Boys, You Might Copy After This Industrious Boy

BRONTE, Texas, Dec. 20.—Young boys who bemoan the lack of spending money should pattern after Holiday Haylet, 17-year-old Bronte business man, who has plenty of spending money, an interest in a drug store and a fat savings account.

All of these were obtained by Holiday's knack for nothing else but hard work and self denial.

Holiday is the son of Postmaster W. L. Haylet, of Bronte. When he was nine years old the idea of earning his own spending money appealed to him and he resolved to do it.

Each evening after school he sold papers during the World War and soon had enough to invest in Liberty Bonds, being patriotic as well as a shrewd business man.

Holiday celebrated his 14th birthday by giving up his paper route and taking over a popcorn and peanut wagon. This he operated after school and all day during summer vacations.

His bank account grew steadily. During the past two years the budding young business man worked on a farm during the summer vacations.

Last fall, Holiday invested \$1,000 which he had accumulated in a drug store and became junior partner of the concern.

With the returns from this investment he plans to go through college. At present he's at his drug store during all his spare hours, learning all angles of his business.

All that it takes, according to Holiday, is work and determination.

Bloody Bones Used In Corn Whiskey Now

Mexia officers made a raid on a house in the east part of town Wednesday afternoon where they found a quart of wine and a government pistol in the possession of the occupant. He was released on a fine.

Officers say that they expect a somewhat quieter season this Christmas, but that isn't meant to imply

that there will be a total absence of bootlegging. In fact since the rainy weather has interfered to some extent with the traffic in corn whiskey there is apt to be a large influx of the stuff just before Christmas day, and they are keeping their eyes open.

Information that the officers gave The News as to the method pursued in making booze by the unscrupulous bodes ill for the drinker of modern liquor. Bloody bones thrown into a barrel of mash is being kept produces a quicker fermentation, so they said, and that method is being used by practically all of the one-horse bootleggers. They have found the bones in numerous barrels and kegs of mash that were captured. It might be well to use a little caution in the matter of the booze one absorbs during the present holiday season.

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It is the most speedy remedy we know
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**Let Your Christmas Gifts
Be Jewelry**

—If your friends have taste and refinement it makes it difficult to select a gift that will be appreciated and enjoyed.
—But not if you select jewelry.
—There is a gift of jewelry for everybody—man, woman or child—and nothing so completely expresses taste and refinement as a well selected gift.
—We have a selection of gifts of jewelry that has a most attractive appeal and priced in a way that will come within your means.

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Pittman Bldg.
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Light-Six two-pass. Coupe	\$1225.00	\$1195.00
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Special-Six five-pass. Coupe	1975.00	1895.00
Special-Six five-pass Sedan	2050.00	1985.00
Bix-Six five-pass Coupe	2550.00	2495.00
Bib-Six seven-pass. Sedan	2750.00	2685.00

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In justice to yourself, you should come in and see what Studebaker has to offer before you decide on any car.

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DALLAS.—The Lone Star Gas Company has let the contract for construction of a new office building in this city to be used by that company. The building will cost about \$175,000 and will be completed in May.

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The hair when treated by this method does not frizz or kink, but forms into waves of natural appearance that actually last.

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GIFTS THAT LAST

When asked what you want for Christmas—say Jewelry—the gifts that last.

When you think of gifts for Christmas, think of Jewelry—the gifts that last.

A visit to our show cases will convince you that we have all there is in Jewelry.

HARRIE MEEK

Jewelry Department
Mexia Drug Co.

Old Jewelry Made New and Old
Watches Made to Keep Time

LADIES

—if you would give the men CIGARS we'll help you select them.

We will gladly help ladies select cigars so they will be sure to make the proper cigar gift to the men. Boxes of all sizes. Unusual products, popular brands—just the gift HE will admire most.

Candy for Ladies

All men are going to give all ladies on their lists candies. Every lady—old and young—appreciates candy as a gift. Place orders now and we will have candy ready for you or deliver it anywhere you say on the day before Christmas or earlier. Come and see the boxes here and select your packages.

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Anger Of Wife Sends Husband To Prison Cell

By MARK H. KNIGHT
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
DENVER, Colo., Dec. 20.—From behind prison bars, his escape from Joliet, Ill., prison 10 years ago, revealed by his wife in a fit of anger, John Keller views the wreck of his life and his home today in white-faced anguish.

"I tried. God, how I tried!" Keller choked with emotion as he told his story to the United Press.

"It's all over now," he continued, with an utterly dejected look. "I'm 46. I've lived straight for 10 years, bought property and raised a family. If I must go through that hell again, I'll be too old to 'come back.'"

And in the cozy cottage his beautiful, 26-year-old wife, with a \$10 bill and four small children, faces Christmas—the most desolate Yuletide of her life.

Now that the family quarrel is over, that the secret is out and every minute brings Joliet authorities nearer to Denver to claim him for the three years and two months he left unserved, Keller holds no malice against his wife.

"It was my fault, I guess, after all," he said. "She's gone over rough roads with me and never whimpered. She never would have told, but she was crazy mad and didn't know what she was doing until it was over—and they had me."

Mrs. Keller broke down with emotion when she faced her husband in jail. "The kiddies," she wept. "They want to know where daddy is. Last night they asked why he didn't come home. Little Jack wanted to know if daddy had gone after Santa Claus. Oh, why did I ever do it?"

There will be no Santa Claus in the Keller home this year. Unless help arrives there will not be a cent in the house, not a toy—and no daddy. Keller was making good, but his small surplus was sufficient only to make payments on the home. Now the payments will stop, the home will be sold and the family will be forced to depend upon charity.

Twelve years ago, Keller was sentenced to one to five years for receiving stolen goods. He served two years and two months, a model prisoner. Then he applied for a pardon. The railway company from which the goods were stolen exerted every influence to have the pardon denied—and it was.

Keller was a steamfitter. He fitted three lengths of pipe together and with this as an aid crawled over the prison walls to freedom.

He started to rebuild his life. In Sacramento, Cal., he worked a year. Then he came to Leadville, Colo., and worked two years in a smelter, going

afterward to Salt Lake City, where he met the woman he married. Since then he has worked steadily. Four children have been born to them—Jane, 6; Jack, 5; Katherine, 3 and Dannie, 1.

Not long ago Keller got a job with the Burlington shops in Denver, purchased four lots and built a bungalow.

H.C.L. Is Jumping Everywhere Again

By HENRY WOOD
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
GENEVA. (By mail to United Press).—Following a world wide tendency throughout the first three-quarters of the year towards decrease in the cost of living and a stabilization of prices at a lower level, the final quarter of 1923 is being marked by a steady, almost violent increase in the H. C. L.

Statistics just gathered from all of the leading countries of the world by the International Labor Bureau show the upward movement in the cost of living to be general.

While no specific cause is assigned for the change that has suddenly wiped out all of the brighter promises which the first nine months of the year held out the sudden tendency upwards is generally ascribed to the world-wide repercussion that is caused by the unsettled European situation, and especially of reparations.

In Three Countries
Germany, Hungary and Russia are the countries that are most violently affected for the moment by the increase in the cost of living. In Germany the change is so rapid that monthly index figures are no longer of use, and the International Labor Bureau has been obliged to ask for weekly index figures in order to keep abreast of the situation.

While wholesale prices for the moment are still decreasing in both Austria and the United Kingdom, the cost of living there has joined the world wide upward movement.

In the United States, while wholesale prices have begun an upward tendency—the first since last spring—yet these are confined largely to products affected by seasonable fluctuations, such as cotton, wheat, food and foodstuffs, so that it is not yet certain that this will be eventually reflected in the cost of living.

Switzerland Hit
Switzerland has been badly hit by the sudden upward tendency and prices there average 8 per cent higher than during the last quarter.

In Belgium the prices of every-

thing are advancing rapidly except for several food groups such as wheat, oats, barley and sugar, but this slight advantage is more than offset by sharp increases in the cost of potatoes, eggs and butter.

In Russia the most marked increase is in the prices of manufactured products, the slight tendency towards lower prices that was manifest in the early part of the year having disappeared entirely. Agricultural prices are also increasing but not so rapidly as those of manufactured goods.

Other countries that report this upward tendency in the cost of living are Canada, Finland, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, India.

Virtually the only countries that show an improvement or at least stationary prices are Italy, Bulgaria and Egypt.

Experts at the International Labor Bureau hold out very little hope for any improvement until some permanent adjustment of the European situation can be secured.

Pay your poll tax.

Knights Of Pythias Regular Meet Tonite

Regular meeting of Travis Lodge No. 20, Knights of Pythias, tonight. Important business and all members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome.—R. M. JJOHNSTON, C. C.

CHRISTMAS CARDS
FROM MAYFIELD

Local friends are receiving Christmas Greetings from Senator Earl B. Mayfield. The cards read: "Christmas greetings and very best wishes for the New Year."

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January "American Magazine," January "Woman's Home Companion" on sale Pioneer News Stand. 20-2

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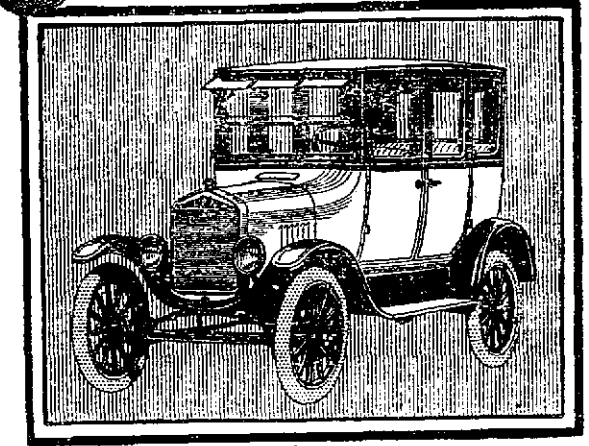
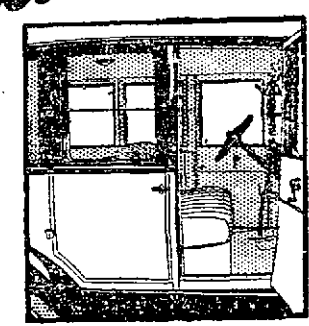
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Mexia Rotarians Hear Rotary Educational Plan As Conducted By The Dallas Rotary Club

In the following letter to J. Sandford Smith, of the Educational Committee of the Mexia Rotary Club, Billy Houghton, secretary of the Dallas Rotary, explains how and with what success the educational work there has been conducted. The letter was presented to an interested crowd at Rotary Thursday, when Mr. Smith was leader.

The letter:
"Dallas, Texas, Dec 1, 1923.
Mr. J. Sandford Smith, V. P.,
Prendergast-Smith National Bank,
Mexia, Texas.

Dear Rotarian Smith:

In compliance with the request of your good Secretary, Ben F. Stollenwerk, in a letter addressed to President Bruce Gogarte, I will endeavor to give you some of the details regarding our Students' Loan Fund.

We started our fund some four years ago. In September, 1919, we raised, by volunteer subscription, about 140 of our members, some \$5600. In September, 1920, approximately \$7500 was subscribed by approximately the same number of members. In 1921 no subscription was taken because of the unfavorable business conditions prevailing at that time and for the further reason that we thought the balance on hand sufficient for that winter's needs. In the spring of last year, however, we raised nearly \$10,000 in a few minutes time, at one of our regular meetings, about 150 to 250 members subscribing amounts ranging from \$1 to \$1000, making a total of \$23,000, to which is to be added something over \$6,000 from our last subscription, which is, at this time, still incomplete as to details. Of this amount, \$13,000 has been loaned to 60 boys, the average loan amounting to \$200, there are some exceptions, however.

It was Col. Bill Everett, a member of our club, who originated this plan, and it was he who spoke on this subject at the St. Louis Convention. Col. Bill is thoroughly wrapped up in this work, and his address was received with a great deal of enthusiasm.

We feel very much gratified, also, that the Program Committee of Rotary International selected our Club as one of the five outstanding clubs in Rotary International on Boys' Work.

We have a committee of five to administer the details of the Educational work and they act independent of our Board of Directors and Club, although reports are made from time to time to both.

So far, we have confined loans to boys who are graduates of the Dallas (or Dallas County) High Schools. Whenever a member of the Club knows of a boy who he thinks is qualified to receive a loan, he refers the applicant to a member of our Committee.

The applicant is interviewed and the Committee ascertains all of the facts bearing upon the boy's finances,

education to date, and his intention and purpose in going to college. If the Committeeman is convinced that the boy is worthy and comes within the limitations laid down by the Committee, he is given an application blank copy of which is enclosed herewith. When this is returned to the Committeeman, an individual investigation is made by correspondence and personally and after all the facts are ascertained, the application, together with the letters from the boy's references and the facts ascertained by the investigation are placed before the committee, which determines, thereupon, whether the loan shall or shall not be made.

It is our custom to advance such loans on a 50-50 basis and before any loans are made, the boy must stand an examination for a policy of insurance, which is assigned to the Treasury for the purpose of protecting the fund in the event of the boy's death. If the boy is unable to pay the premium on the policy, it is paid out of the Loan fund and charged as an additional loan to the boy. Usually these loans are upon the boy's individual note, without any security, although in several instances, where the applicant has expressed a willingness to give security, it has been accepted. As a rule, the loan is not paid to the boy in a lump sum, but is advanced to him during the school term as his needs require. In the beginning, however, a note is taken due one year from date, at 4% interest for the full amount of the loan, copy of note also enclosed.

Some of the original loans are still outstanding as payment is not expected, nor required, until the boy has established himself and his earning capacity will enable him to pay back

the money without serious inconvenience.

I am delighted to have this opportunity of telling you some of the details of our work and hope to hear later that your club has a similar fund to carry on this most wonderful work.

Enclosed please find two booklets, on this subject, which might be of some little value in the way of information.

Any further information that you may desire will be gladly given.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely and Rotarily yours,
BILLY HAUGHTON,
Secretary.

TIT FOR TAT

WACO, Texas, Dec. 20.—Many tales have been told of dogs risking their lives for their masters; Henry McKim turned the situation around and risked his life for his dog.

Seeing the animal pawing frantically at the door of the burning Burdette Clothing Company, McKim rushed in to save him. The dog retreated and McKim followed into the inferno until he caught him and brought him to safety. Neither was hurt.

F. N. Franklin of Temple was a visitor to the city Monday.

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QUEER ANIMALS

DESDEMONA, Texas, Dec. 20.—The latest in freak is a calf here born blind and without a tail. The calf is half red poll and half jersey. A few days ago a farmer reported killing a snake with two heads.

AMARILLO.—The motor bus line which has been in operation in Amarillo, since shortly after the electric street railway was discontinued has been discontinued by the city because it did not pay. The city manager hopes to find a public transportation service adapted to the needs of the city.

Mexia Opera House Wednesday Dec. 26



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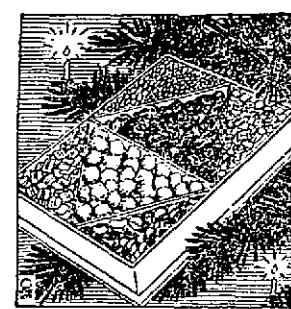
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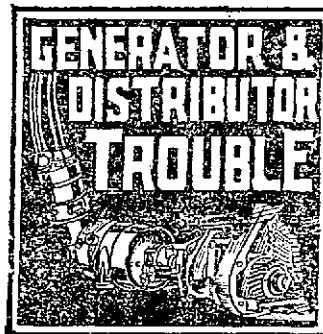
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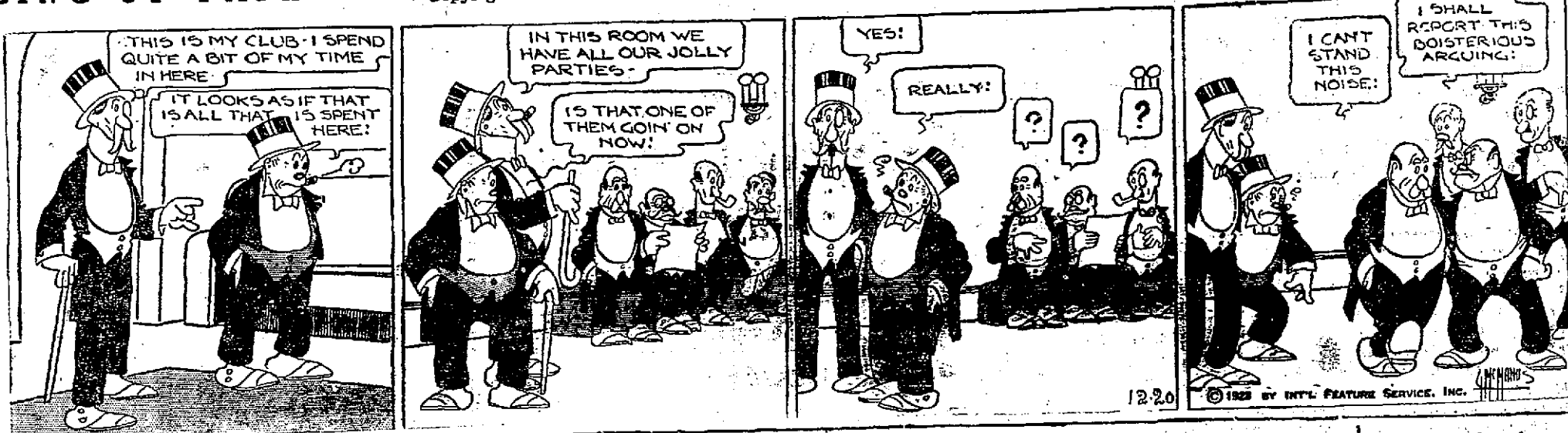
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LOST—White and red spotted bird dog about 10 months old on Tehuacana road about two weeks ago. Notify C. W. Fowler, Tehuacana, Tex. 17D3

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NOTICE—Anyone contemplating buying a Butter-Kist Popcorn machine will profit now and later on by communicating with A. E. Epperson at the Oasis Confectionery at Mexia, Texas. 18J3

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GEORGIA MINSTRELS COMING TO OPERA HOUSE

The minstrel fans of this vicinity will be pleased to learn that one of the very best and largest minstrel organizations on the road is to visit this city. Possibly certain people have forgotten that there are minstrel fans because it has been so long since they had an opportunity to see a really first class minstrel. However, the fever of minstrel mania will get them when the richly dressed parade of the Famous Georgia Minstrels pass over our streets at the noon hour the day they appear here. The amusement question by some people always involved the "Questionable" amusement question, but that time is never aroused by the coming of a high-class minstrel like the "Georgians," base ball, a good circus, and up-to-date minstrel seem to be at least three forms of amusement which are never questioned by the scrupulous. Laughter, the creating of laughter is the one purpose of the minstrel, as well as the rendering of tuneful and pleasing songs. The Minstrel man has been known from almost the beginning of this world's history. It is this very characteristic of the minstrel which makes it capable of appealing to all classes and when the Famous Georgia Minstrels appear at the Opera House on Wednesday, December 26, there will be seen hundreds of theatre fans standing in line.

COUNTY In conversation with Mr. L. L. Brown, president of the Groesbeck Chamber of Commerce early Wednesday morning, the Mexia Chamber of Commerce was informed that the big celebration at Groesbeck will positively be staged rain or shine. The decorations of the entire town have been put up in fast colors and arrangements have been made to take care of the

crowd that will certainly come.

The big barbecue will be served under cover in the Cotton Warehouse where they can feed 3000 at one time and the 250 cakes were being iced as the conversation was held.

The corner stone laying by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas Masons will also be under cover as a water proof shed has been provided. In fact every precaution has been taken to make people comfortable and enable them to enjoy themselves.

The big parade will be held at 11 o'clock and the two floats from Mexia were ready and were said to be very handsome indeed.

After the parade dinner will be served. The Chamber of Commerce was informed that there would be three bands and as they are counting on the Elks Band of Mexia it would make four.

The entire schools of Groesbeck will be in the parade, the Groesbeck schools being dismissed for the day.

In the early evening there will be an old fiddlers' contest in which there are already a large number entered.

Immediately after the old fiddlers' contest there will be an old fashioned square dance and following the dance they are going to permit the young folks to trip the light fantastic in a more modern vein.

Wednesday afternoon the Chamber of Commerce is attempting to round up its forces of those people who will occupy its float.

On Sunday all of the churches in the city were invited to have some members on this float, but up to the time of this writing the Chamber of Commerce has heard officially from only one of them.

It might be explained that it is not the intention of the Chamber of Commerce that any denominational lines be disclosed in the selection of their representatives but that the people on the float will represent the church citizenship of Mexia as an aggregate whole. It is still to be hoped that these invitations will be responded to, and if they are not the Chamber of Commerce will try to fill the float with school children and business men.

The secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, having just returned from Austin, stated to a News reporter Wednesday that he intends to ask the Rotary Club and Lions Club to take charge of the delegation as he had to go to Groesbeck immediately after the Rotary luncheon.

We charge 25c for all gasoline and tire service calls inside of the city limits; 50c per mile thereafter. A charge of 25c to everyone for taking off and putting on chains. Mexia Battery & Tire Co., Inc., Nos. One and Three Stations. 18-10

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Texas, County of Limestone. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas County, of the 14th day of Dec. 1923, by the District Clerk of said Dallas County, for the sum of \$1800.00 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Foreclosure and Deed of Trust Lien,

in favor of in a certain cause in said court, No. 49016-7 and styled Fidelity Savings Trust Company, versus Mrs. Della Box, the surviving wife of S. A. Box, deceased, Clarence Box, Alvie Box, Mable Box, Homer Box, Ruby Box, Herman Box, Branton Box, and Mrs. Della Box, Guardian of the Estates of Clarence, Alvie, Mable, Homer, Ruby, Herman, and Branton Box, Minors.

The Plaintiff, Fidelity Savings Trust Company, recovered, in the District Court of Dallas County, 68th, Judicial District of Texas, a judgement against the said defendants, Della Box, for the sum of \$1800.00 principal, \$124.80 interest and \$222.48 attorney's fees, together with interest on the principal and interest at the rate of 10% per annum and interest at the rate of 6% per annum on \$222.48 attorney's fees from said November 13th, 1923.

And placed in my hands for service, I Whit Popejoy, Sheriff of Limestone County, Texas, did, on the 17th day of December, A. D., 1923, Levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Limestone County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being 103 acres of land in the Chas. Roberts survey, described in three tracts as follows:

FIRST TRACT: 42 acres of land described as beginning at the Southeast corner of lot No. 1, in the Adams O'Neal subdivision of said Chas. Roberts League, in the North line of the 90 acre tract known as the Limestone County, Land; Thence North 30 West with the East line of said Lot No. 1, 700 varas to corner from which a post oak 12" in dia. hrs. North 22 1/2 East 10 varas; Thence North 60 East 338 varas to corner; Thence South 30 East 700 varas to the Northeast corner of said Limestone County 30 acre tract; Thence South 60 West along the North line of said 90 acre tract 338 varas to the place of beginning.

SECOND TRACT: 30 acres of land described as beginning at the Northeast corner of the R. O'Neal 200 acre homestead tract; Thence North 30 West with said O'Neal's line, 560 varas

to corner; Thence North 60 East 127 varas to corner; Thence North 20 West with the O'Neal line to the Southwest corner of the M. R. Box 18 acre tract; Thence North 60 East to the North-west corner of the 42 acre tract above described; Thence South 30 East 700 varas to the Southwest corner of the 42 acre tract above described; Thence South 60 West 294 varas to the place of beginning.

Said two tracts of land above described being the same land conveyed by Ella Box to S. A. Box on January 12, 1920, by Deed duly recorded in the deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

THIRD TRACT: 31 acres of land known as part of the R. O'Neal homestead, beginning at the most Southern Northwest corner of the 30 acre tract of land described as tract No. 2 above, Thence South 30 East 585 varas to corner on the North line of the tract of land conveyed by Mrs. Abia Box and others to Mrs. Alice Stem, a rock for corner; Thence South 60 West 298 varas to corner; same being the Southeast corner of a 21 acre tract designated by S. A. Box and wife as a part of their homestead; Thence North 31 west 585 varas to the Northeast corner of said 21 acre tract; Thence North 60 East 298 varas to the place of beginning, being part of the land conveyed by M. B. Box, and wife to S. A. Box by deed recorded in Vol. 76, page 178 deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

Said three tracts of land being the same land described in the deed of Trust from S. A. Box and wife, Della Box to Chas. L. Kribbs, Trustee, recorded in Vol. 7, page 493-7, deed of trust records of Limestone County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of Della Box, and all above named parties; and that on the first Tuesday in Feb. 1924, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Limestone County, in the town of Groesbeck, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate

at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Della Box, et al.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Mexia Daily News, a newspaper published in Limestone County.

Witness my hand, this 17th day of Dec., 1923.

WHIT POPEJOY, Sheriff, Limestone County Texas.

By N. P. Harris, Deputy.

Dec. 18-25 Jan. 2

NOTICE

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank of Mexia, will be held at its banking house Tuesday, January 8, 1924, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. for the purpose of electing Directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before it. Mexia, Texas, December 8th, 1923. W. G. FORREST, Cashier. (10-17-24-31-7)

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Dean Towns Saw His First Blue Bonnets At Teahuacana While Attending Old Trinity

Judge John C. Townes, former dean of law at the University of Texas and professor of law at the time of his death, in Austin from an attack of appendicitis last Tuesday afternoon. He had been operated on last Thursday.

Judge Townes is well known in the law circles of Texas having been connected with the law department of the University since the founding of that department in 1896.

He was born in Alabama on January 30, 1852, and came to Texas in his early youth, locating in Travis county. He graduated from Trinity University while that institution was at Teahuacana, where Westminster College now is. He also studied at Baylor. He studied law in Austin and was admitted to the bar in 1873. From then until he entered the law department of the University he practiced law and held two district judgeships.

Three children of four born to him survive him. They are, Edgar and John C. Townes, Jr., attorneys in Houston, and a daughter, Mrs. H. M. Finch of Austin.

John C. Townes, Jr. is well known in Mexia, being attorney for the Humble Oil company.

It was at Teahuacana that Judge Townes first saw the lovely Texas flower, the Blue Bonnet, and those who knew him in his latter years recall the many pleasant memories he mentioned from time to time regarding the inspiration he gained while in the institution in the neighboring community.

GEORGIA SMART SET MINSTRELS COMING TO THE OPERA HOUSE

No company before the public stands the wear of time as well as does the Famous Georgia Smart Set Minstrels to appear in this city. In the hearts of the theatre going public is always popular. The sub-title "Georgia" has been copied by many, the object being to mislead the public but this aggregation has never been withdrawn from the American stage for a single season, and during the twenty-eight years of its existence it has been kept up to a high standard and a year the management has eclipsed all previous efforts. The announcement that they will appear at the Opera House, matinee and night Wednesday, December 26th, will be welcome news to the minstrel fans.

Pay your poll tax.

SCIENTIST SAYS MAN MAY LIVE AS LONG AS ANCIENTS

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—(United Press) By practicing the law of penetrability, man can live to be as old as Methuselah, Alfred W. Lawson of Milwaukee, inventor and scientist, told the United Press Wednesday.

Penetrability, Lawson explained in an interview, is the basic movement of the universe and is caused by suction and pressure between different densities, such as heat passing through water, or steel through wood.

Man is built up by suction and pressure and can't live without it. Man grows until his size is determined by laws of the universe.

Suction, constantly fighting off pressure, causes man to grow and if man can learn, by diet exercise, to equalize suction and pressure, he will live to be several hundred year old.

Lawson denied any scientist to prove his theory wrong and asserts that all textbooks on physics, astronomy, history and biology throughout the world are teaching erroneous rules.

Lawson said sex is determined by the law of penetrability.

Nothing can move without suction and pressure, he said. The seed of the male and female make a composite. There is an internal conflict which

brings the seeds together and in balance. The power of suction over pressure, or vice versa, determines the sex, he declared.

WEST

A ten months old baby of Pat West died Tuesday afternoon at the West home on North Bailey street. The child died of pneumonia and was said to have weighed less at its death than when it was born.

Burial took place yesterday in the New Hope cemetery. The News joins the many friends of the family in extending the most earnest words of sympathy to the parents in their sad hours.

BEAUMONT.—The Eastern Texas Electric Company has begun operation of a motor bus line between Port Neches and Nederland.

Lone Star Stage Line Gives Most Valuable Service

The Lone Star Stage Line's big Cadillac cars leave the city regularly at 9:30 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. for Waco.

The station is at the corner of East Commerce and Central Avenue. Big Cadillac cars are used and careful drivers offer a service that is helpful to Waco and Mexia both. The cars go by way of Teahuacana, Coolidge and Prairie Hill, picking up passengers along the route. The stage line has kept up a splendid schedule all thru the inclement and muddy weather experienced in recent weeks.

TURKEYS

During the holidays 20c pound dressed. Pecans 5 pounds and over 15c. Sawyer Produce Co. 18-7

Any one wishing a calendar that owns a car and has not received a card we will be glad to give you one if you will call at our No. 1 Station and fill out one of the cards. Mexia Battery and Tire Co., Inc. 18-10

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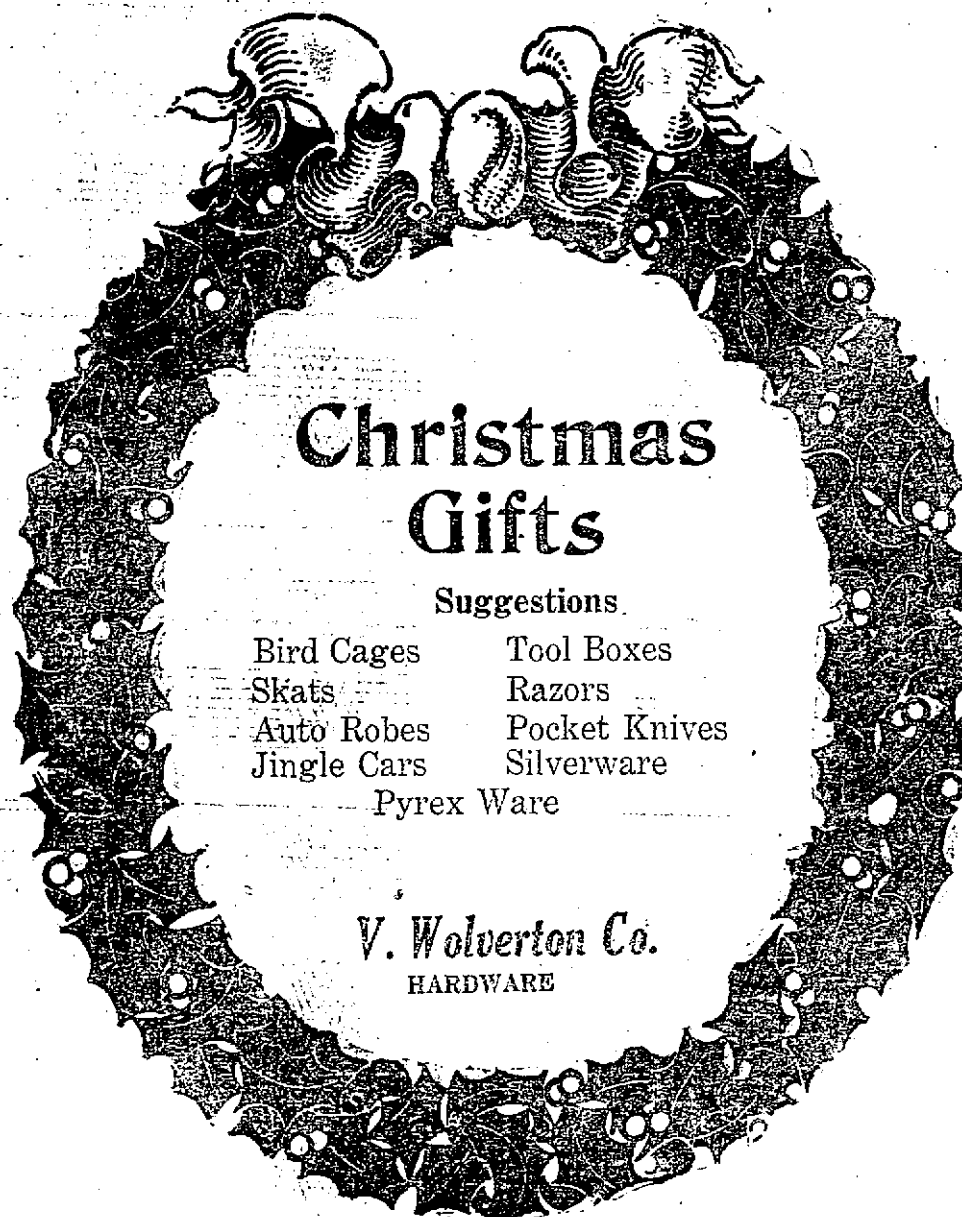
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—Apples—Big red apples from the famous Wenatchee Valley. Oranges and apples cheaper than in many years. Large ones 3c to 5c.

TURKEYS

—We have a large supply of turkeys fattening. Place your order today and we can assure you a nice turkey. You may take it out as late as Monday the 24th.

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—You may need Pop Corn, Marshmallows, Chocolate, Cocoa nut, Extracts, Spices, Salad Dressing, Wesson Oil, Currants, Dates, Catsup, Pickles. We have the kind you like.

CELERY - LETTUCE

—Two items you will enjoy selecting yourself from our Christmas supply. Our cold storage keeps it fresh and crisp.

COME IN

—and watch our sausage being made. We will show you they are made of pork, sage, salt and pepper—and that's all.

P&G SOAP PER BAR 5c

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—Texas Sweet Grapefruit, Sweet California Oranges, Satsumas, Wenatchee Valley Apples. No hurry—no worry—when you serve yourself and you get exactly what you want.

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